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## International Students Life Guide

*Your answers to commonly asked questions  
about life at Kellogg.*

*We would love to hear your [feedback!](#)*

# Too Long; Didn't Read (TLDR)

- This guide is packed with practical advice and insider tips on navigating your Kellogg MBA journey from an **international student's perspective**.
- It is not intended to be read in one sitting but rather as a valuable resource to **consult as needed**.
- Here's a **checklist of the most important tasks** you will have to accomplish:

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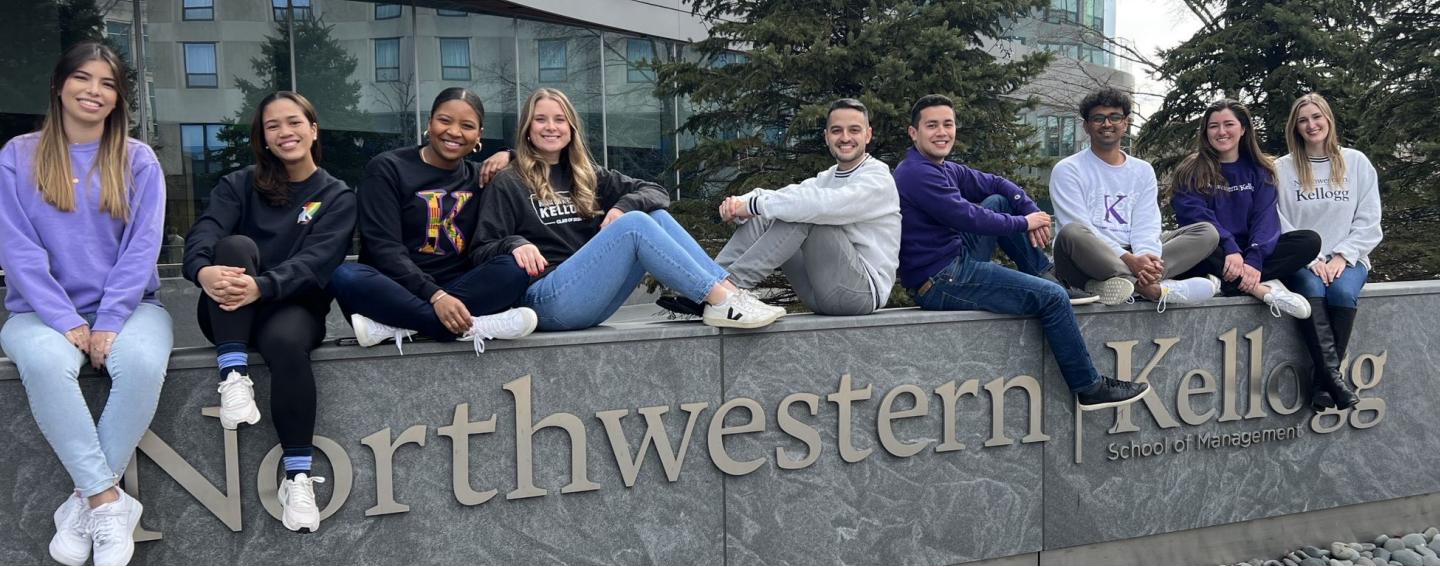
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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 A Note From Your KSA

*Dear International Student,*

*Welcome to Kellogg! As the Vice President of Global Affairs for the Kellogg Student Association, I am beyond excited to introduce you to our International Student Guide 2023-24.*

*Beginning a new chapter in a foreign country can be both thrilling and overwhelming. But fear not! We completely understand the challenges you may face, and that's why we've curated this guide packed with practical advice and insider tips on how to conquer the U.S., from navigating the visa process to mastering the art of finding the perfect winter coat.*

*Please note that the guide is not intended to be read in one sitting but rather as a valuable resource to consult as you make your way through your Kellogg journey.*

*Get ready to embark on an extraordinary journey filled with endless possibilities and incredible experiences. The Kellogg Student Association's Global Affairs Committee is here to support you every step of the way.*

*Warmest regards,*

**Kellogg Student Association (KSA)**

**Global Affairs Committee**

## 1.2 A Letter From The Kellogg Global Experience Team

*Welcome to the Kellogg Community!*

*We know that some of you have now been here for weeks, and some are just getting settled. Regardless, we're so happy to have you all with us. Our students from outside the United States provide diverse perspectives, experiences, and identities that are a critical aspect of enabling this community to realize its full potential. Whether through your study groups, classroom participation, club engagement and leadership, small group dinners, or the dozens of other opportunities you'll have at Kellogg, we encourage you to share all parts of yourself with your classmates and with the faculty and staff who will support your development during your Kellogg journey. You have the power to enable your peers to develop into better global leaders. And through this sharing and engagement, we hope that you also broaden your networks, gain exposure to new ways of thinking and doing, and have the most immersive and fulfilling Kellogg experience possible.*

*On a more practical level, some of you have lived in the States for years or come from a culture that is fairly similar to America. For others, this is your very first time, and you'll be experiencing much that is new. We hope that this guide serves as a resource for all of you in different ways and meets you where you are in terms of your exposure to the U.S. and Chicago. A huge thank you to the KSA Global Affairs team for taking this on, making it better, and getting it in front of more eyes.*

*Have a wonderful start to your Kellogg journey. We are all here to support you, so please don't hesitate to let us know if we can be of help in any way.*

**Debbie Kraus**, Senior Director, Global Experience

**Gabrielle Viard**, Associate Director, International Student Experience

**Sandrine Onyeise**, Assistant Dean, Student Experience Strategy



## 2. Before Coming to Kellogg

### 2.1 Student Visa

#### 2.1.1 About student visas

**International students** at Kellogg can apply for an **F-1** or **J-1** visa. Their **spouse and children** can apply for **F-2** or **J-2** visa to be able to stay in the United States during the F-1 student program.

#### 2.1.1 Which visa is right for me?

 [Types of Student Visas](#)

 [Visas for Spouses and Children](#)

#### 2.1.2 I have elected my preferred visa. What next?

Newly admitted international students will follow these steps:



**TASK 1 | CREDENTIALS:** Set up your Kellogg [NetID](#), [Duo multi-factor authentication](#), and create your [Kellogg email address](#).



**TASK 2 | TUITION:** Pay [tuition deposit](#) (if required by academic program).



**TASK 3 | NOTIFICATION:** Await notification of access to **OISS\* Portal**. Please **be patient** as it generally **takes at least two weeks** from date of admission and receipt of tuition deposit for the systems to sync so that we may grant students access to the portal.



**TASK 4 | I-20/DS-2019 REQUEST:** Upon receiving access to the portal, you will receive a system-generated email sent to your Kellogg email address. You will then be able to **log in to the OISS Portal** with your Net ID and password to [request an immigration document](#).



**TASK 5 | REQUEST PROCESSED:** Current processing time is **about 3-5 business days** for Kellogg students from the time the request is completed and submitted. You will receive an **email alerting** you when your I-20/DS-2019 has been processed.



**TASK 6 | RECEIVE DOCUMENT:** Both F and J visa students will **access** the immigration document (I-20 or DS-2019) **electronically via the OISS portal**. You will need to **print and sign** the document in blue ink in the "Student Attestation" section of the document.



**TASK 7 | PAY I-901 SEVIS FEE:** Go to the [I-901 Fee website](#) to pay your SEVIS fee. *This fee is mandated by Congress to support the program office and the automated system that keeps track of students and exchange visitors and ensures that they maintain their status while in the United States. Print your payment receipt.*



**TASK 8 | SUBMIT DS-160 FORM:** The DS-160, *Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application form*, is for temporary travel to the United States, and for K (fiancé(e)) visas. Form DS-160 is submitted electronically to the Department of State [website](#) via the Internet. Consular Officers use the information entered on the DS-160 to process the visa application and, combined with a personal interview, determine an applicant's eligibility for a nonimmigrant visa.



**TASK 9 | SCHEDULE VISA APPOINTMENT:** For information on scheduling your visa appointment and to find the consulate or embassy nearest to you, you must **visit the U.S. Consulates and Embassies Abroad website**. More information can be found on [Apply for a Visa Stamp](#).



**TASK 10 | ATTEND VISA APPOINTMENT:** Attend an appointment with the **required documentation**. Here's a **checklist** to make your journey smoother:

- DS-160 Form
- Valid I-20 or DS-2019 from Northwestern
- Valid passport
- SEVIS fee (I-901 fee) payment receipt
- At least two passport-style photographs taken recently
- Proof that you have permanent residence outside the U.S.
- Current and original financial documentation
- A copy of the marriage certificate and/or birth certificate if your spouse and/or child are applying for the F-2/J-2 separately



**TASK 11 | F-1/J-1 VISA ISSUED:** The US Consulate/Embassy will affix your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp in your passport.

### 2.1.2 How was your visa experience? Any tips?

 **Student 1 perspective:** “Organize your documentation in advance. I recommend you bring all required documents printed and stored in a transparent folder on the day of the interview (I used Post-its to make it easier to identify each document). The interview itself will vary from person to person – mine took 5 minutes, and I believe that bringing as many documents as possible to ‘prove my story’ was helpful.”

### 2.1.3 Visa delays

**Processing times and delays vary** by U.S. Consulate/Embassy. A vast **majority** of visas are issued **within days** of a visa interview/appointment. Anyone applying for a visa may be subjected to an administrative processing delay or background check that may take several weeks.

You should look at the information on the Department of State [website](#) for the embassy you are interested in to determine the standard processing times.

If an **administrative delay or background check postpones your intended arrival, please contact [international-advising@kellogg.northwestern.edu](mailto:international-advising@kellogg.northwestern.edu).** Let them know your name, your student id, the location of the embassy, the date of your visa appointment and what they told you.

## 2.2 Financial Documentation Requirements

Keep in mind that although you are **not required to submit original documents to Kellogg**, you **may be required** to show ORIGINAL financial documents **at your visa appointment**, at the port of entry, or to USCIS if you are submitting a COS application.

- All new **F-1** international students are required to show **proof that funds** are guaranteed for the **first year of study**.
- All new **J-1** international students are required to show **proof that funds** are guaranteed for the full length of his/her program.

### 2.2.1 Types of funds

Proof of funds can come from several different sources (personal, family, university, business, etc.); however, you must be sure to **have supporting documents for each funding source**. Any combination of funds is acceptable if you demonstrate you can cover the full cost of the program. Below, you will find a list of types of funds accepted, but the comprehensive [Financial Documentation Requirements](#) can be found online.



**TASK 12 | FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION:** Ensure you carefully review the [Financial Documentation Requirements](#) because several I-20/DS-2019 requests are **delayed each year** because the students didn't submit the correct financial documentation.

#### Personal Funds

- Bank statement, bank letter, or loan letter (see bank statement and letter guidelines below). An original is not required for I-20 / DS-2019 issuance purposes but is strongly encouraged for the visa application.
- Note: Student loans are considered to be Student Personal Funds. Proof of Student Loan funds (if applicable) should be included with the request.



### **Family or Friend Funds**

- Bank statement or bank letter dated within the last six months (see bank statement requirements below). An original is not required for I-20 or DS-2019 issuance purposes but is strongly encouraged for the visa application.
- Sponsor Statement of Support: All sponsor names must be included on the I-20 or DS-2019 Request Form.

### **Northwestern University Funds**

- Copy of the letter from the Kellogg Financial Aid Office detailing your financial aid award. If the award does not cover the total expense listed in the Financial & Program Information, you must show proof of funding that covers the remaining expenses.
- NU Loans are considered a source of Personal Funds.

### **Employer, Government or Other Types of Funds**

- Support letter detailing the financial support.



## 2.3 Health Requirements and Insurance

### 2.3.1 Immunization requirements

Kellogg students who are enrolled full-time or half-time in on-campus programs must meet University and State of Illinois immunization requirements **no later than 30 days after their first term begins**. Requirements differ based on the program and the student's country of origin. Newly admitted international students will follow these steps to **upload proof of immunization**:

#### 2.3.1 What are my immunization requirements?

 [Immunization for non-healthcare students](#)



**TASK 13 | IMMUNIZATION FORM:** Print and complete the [Student Immunization Form for Non-Healthcare Students \(PDF\)](#). General instructions for completion are listed on page 1 of the Student Immunization Form.



**TASK 14 | GATHER PROOF:** Gather proof of your immunizations according to the instructions of the Student Immunization Form you just filled. Make sure the documents include your name.



**TASK 15 | UPLOAD DOCUMENTS:** Visit the Northwestern University Health Service website, then:

- Enter your 7-digit student ID number.
- Select "Immunization Upload" from the list on the left to upload your proof of immunization and your completed program form.
- Check your Kellogg email address for notification of any deficiencies and for confirmation that you've met the requirement.

#### 2.3.1 How was your health requirements experience? Any tips?



**Student 1 perspective:** “*Make sure you start this process as soon as possible. Looking for old vaccination documents can be tricky, and you might need to be revaccinated in case you have no records. Also, keep in mind that a healthcare provider will have to sign your Immunization Form. There was no need to translate any of the documents I provided.*”



### 2.3.2 COVID-19 update

May 11, 2023, marked the **end of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)** declaration, and **proof of COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required** for Non-Healthcare Graduate students. However, the health and safety of the Kellogg community continue to be paramount, and all University community members are encouraged to take precautions against COVID-19 and other illnesses. For students...

- It remains important for all students to stay home if they feel unwell and isolate according to [CDC guidelines](#) if they test positive for COVID-19.
- University Health Services in [Evanston](#) and [Chicago](#) continue to assist students who need clinical treatment, [letters for instructors](#), or [documentation](#) for requesting a short-term disability accommodation.
- Student housing FAQs are available on the Residential Services [website](#).
- Clinical programs that continue to require COVID-19 vaccination have incorporated COVID-19 reporting into their [Student Immunization Forms](#).

With the overwhelming majority of the campus community currently vaccinated, Kellogg strongly encourages all who qualify for vaccinations and boosters to follow [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#).

### 2.3.2 How is the COVID situation? Do people wear masks?

 **Student 1 perspective:** “*During the 2022-23 academic year, I was aware of very few COVID cases on campus. Students are encouraged to self-isolate and get tested if they have any symptoms. People wear masks at their own discretion, and there have been no disruptions to in-person classes or events.*”

 **Student 2 perspective:** “*I have felt reassured about the safety measures taken regarding COVID-19 on campus. However, I personally found it more comfortable to continue wearing a mask during classes. Although most students have stopped wearing masks nowadays, it's important to remember that everyone's comfort levels differ. If you still feel uneasy and prefer to wear a mask, don't feel pressured to remove it. It's crucial to prioritize your own well-being and make choices that make you feel safe and comfortable.*”



### 2.3.3 Student health insurance

All international students are required to purchase the Northwestern University Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP) and maintain coverage in the NU-SHIP for the duration of their academic program. J-2 dependents are required to have insurance coverage.

International students are encouraged to **confirm their NU-SHIP enrollment as soon as possible** in the open enrollment period – July 1 through Oct. 1 (for most students) – to ensure they have access to plan benefits and services as soon as the plan year begins on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.



**TASK 16 | CONFIRM NU-SHIP:** Login to [CAESAR](#) to confirm your NU-SHIP enrollment. Please review the [screenshot guide](#) for assistance on how to confirm your enrollment.

### 2.3.2 What do my Kellogg credentials look like? I keep forgetting...

NetID: abc1234

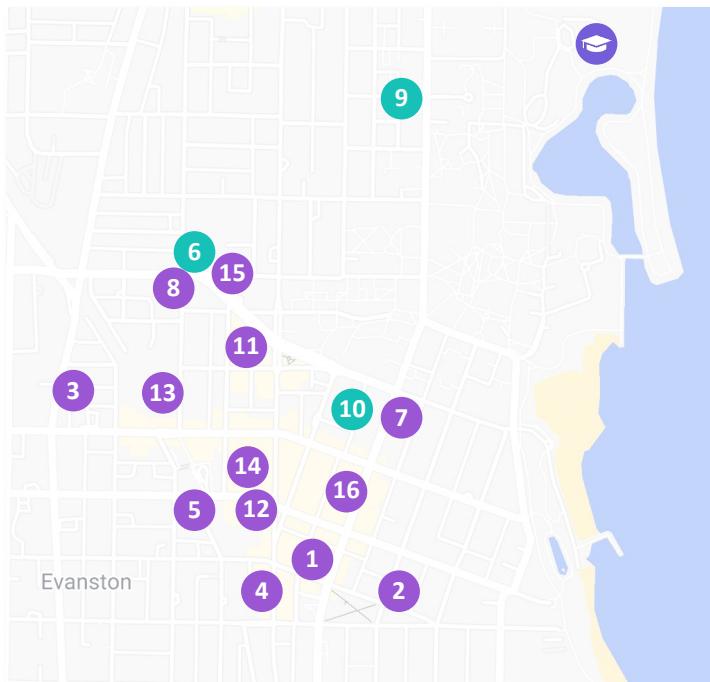
EmplID (student ID): 1234567

Email: first.last@kellogg.northwestern.edu

## 2.4 Housing

### 2.4.1 Most popular buildings around campus

Evanston is a university town, so there is a variety of housing options available to students depending on what they are looking for and where they want to live. Evanston is also close to Chicago for those who would prefer to live in the city. Kellogg does not provide an apartment-finding service, so this section focuses on a student perspective on the **most popular buildings** around campus.



#### 2.4.1 Furthest\* walking distances



Kellogg Global Hub  
25 min



Davis Station  
18 min



Whole Foods  
13 min



Target  
15 min



CVS  
13 min

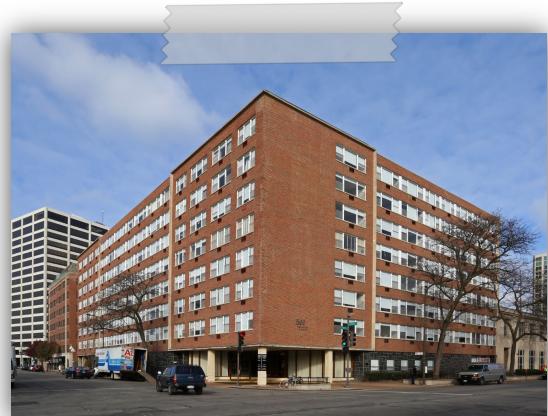


Northwestern Medicine  
Immediate Center  
15 min

Map #	Building Name	Type
1	<u>1500</u>	Off-campus
2	<u>1509 Hinman</u>	Off-campus
3	<u>1717</u>	Off-campus
4	<u>Albion</u>	Off-campus
5	<u>The Scholar</u>	Off-campus
6	<u>Engelhart Hall</u>	On-campus
7	<u>Evanston Place</u>	Off-campus
8	<u>E2</u>	Off-campus

Map #	Building Name	Type
9	<u>Garrett Place</u>	On-campus
10	<u>McManus</u>	On-campus
11	<u>Optima Horizons</u>	Off-campus
12	<u>Optima Towers</u>	Off-campus
13	<u>Optima Views</u>	Off-campus
14	<u>Sherman Plaza</u>	Off-campus
15	<u>The Link</u>	Off-campus
16	<u>The Park Evanston</u>	Off-campus

## #1 | 1500

**Address:** 1500 Chicago Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** from \$1,250**1 bed:** from \$1,500**2 bed:** n/a\*

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 21 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	Davis Station 06 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	No	Whole Foods 04 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	No	Target 05 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	CVS 07 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 06 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	No	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	No	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	No	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	No	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	No	
Community	Swimming Pool	No	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	



## #2 | 1509 Hinman

 **Address:** 1509 Hinman Ave

 **Website:** n/a\*

 **Studio rent:** n/a\*

 **1 bed:** from \$1,695

 **2 bed:** from \$1,995



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	No	 Kellogg Global Hub 20 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	n/a*	 Davis Station 08 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	n/a*	 Whole Foods 06 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	n/a*	 Target 07 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	 CVS 08 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	n/a*	 Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 08 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Mail Room	n/a*	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	n/a*	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	No	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	n/a*	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	No	
Apartment	Window Shades	n/a*	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	n/a*	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	n/a*	
Community	Party Room	n/a*	
Community	Parking	No	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	n/a*	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	No	

## #3 | 1717

**Address:** 1717 Ridge Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** n/a\***1 bed:** from \$2,215**2 bed:** from \$3,053

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 25 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	Davis Station 05 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows**	Yes	Whole Foods 11 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	Target 09 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	CVS 09 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 08 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	Yes	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	



## #4 | Albion

**Address:** 1500 Sherman Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** from \$2,025**1 bed:** from \$2,780**2 bed:** from \$3,985

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 24 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	No	Davis Station 05 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	Whole Foods 07 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	Target 05 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	CVS 07 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	Yes	
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony*	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet*	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades	No	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	Yes	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	

*\*Might vary depending on the unit.*

## #5 | The Scholar (Centrum)

 **Address:** 1590 Elmwood Ave

 [Website](#)

 **Studio rent:** n/a\*

 **1 bed:** from \$2,595

 **2 bed:** from \$3,935



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	 Kellogg Global Hub 25 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	 Davis Station 01 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	 Whole Foods 08 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	 Target 04 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	 CVS 06 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	Yes	
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony**	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet*	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades**	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	Yes	
Community	Parking	No	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	No	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	No	

## #6 | Engelhart Hall

 **Address:** 1915 Maple Avenue

 [Website](#)

 **Studio rent:** n/a\*

 **1 bed:** n/a\*

 **2 bed:** n/a\*



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	n/a*	 Kellogg Global Hub 18 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	n/a*	 Davis Station 08 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	n/a*	 Whole Foods 10 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	n/a*	 Target 08 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	Yes	 CVS 07 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	n/a*	 Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 09 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony*	n/a*	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	n/a*	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	n/a*	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Window Shades	n/a*	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	n/a*	
Community	Gym	n/a*	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	n/a*	
Community	Party Room	n/a*	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	n/a*	
Community	Swimming Pool	n/a*	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	n/a*	

## #7 | Evanston Place

**Address:** 1715 Chicago Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** n/a\***1 bed:** from \$2,449**2 bed:** from \$3,102

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 16 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	Davis Station 08 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	Whole Foods 02 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	Target 05 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	CVS 05 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 09 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony**	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances**	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet**	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)**	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	No	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	



\*Information not available. | \*\*Might vary depending on the unit.



## #8 | E2 Apartments

**Address:** 1890 Maple Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** from \$2,344**1 bed:** from \$2,672**2 bed:** from \$3,528

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 20 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	Davis Station 07 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	Whole Foods 11 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	Target 09 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	CVS 08 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 10 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony*	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	Yes	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	

*\*Might vary depending on the unit.*

## #9 | Garrett Place

**Address:** 605 Garrett Place[Website](#)**Studio rent:** n/a\***1 bed:** n/a\***2 bed:** n/a\*

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	n/a*	Kellogg Global Hub 08 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	n/a*	Davis Station 18 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	n/a*	Whole Foods 13 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	n/a*	Target 15 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	Yes	CVS 13 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	n/a*	
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	n/a*	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	n/a*	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	n/a*	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	No	
Apartment	Window Shades	n/a*	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	n/a*	
Community	Gym	n/a*	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	n/a*	
Community	Party Room	n/a*	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	n/a*	
Community	Swimming Pool	n/a*	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	n/a*	

## #10 | McManus

 **Address:** 1725 Orrington Ave

 [Website](#)

 **Studio rent:** n/a\*

 **1 bed:** from \$1,500

 **2 bed:** n/a\*



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	 Kellogg Global Hub 17 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	No	 Davis Station 06 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	No	 Whole Foods 04 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	No	 Target 04 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	Yes	 CVS 03 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	 Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 13 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	No	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	No	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	No	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	No	
Apartment	Window Shades	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	No	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	No	
Community	Party Room	No	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	No	
Community	Swimming Pool	No	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	

## #11 | Optima Horizons

 **Address:** 800 Elgin Rd

 [Website](#)

 **Studio rent:** n/a\*

 **1 bed:** from \$1,995

 **2 bed:** n/a\*



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	n/a*	 Kellogg Global Hub 19 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	n/a*	 Davis Station 05 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	n/a*	 Whole Foods 06 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	n/a*	 Target 04 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished**	No	 CVS 03 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	n/a*	 Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 07 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	n/a*	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	n/a*	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	n/a*	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	n/a*	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Window Shades	n/a*	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	n/a*	
Community	Gym	n/a*	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	n/a*	
Community	Party Room	n/a*	
Community	Parking	n/a*	
Community	Pets Allowed	No	
Community	Swimming Pool	n/a*	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	No	



## #12 | Optima Towers

**Address:** 1580 Sherman Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** n/a\***1 bed:** from \$2,500**2 bed:** n/a\*

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 22 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	Davis Station 02 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	Whole Foods 05 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor**	Yes	Target 02 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished*	No	CVS 03 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors**	No	
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	No	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony**	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances**	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet**	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)**	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades**	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	No	
Community	Party Room	No	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	No	



## #13 | Optima Views

**Address:** 1720 Maple Ave**[Website](#)****Studio rent:** n/a\***1 bed:** from \$1,500**2 bed:** n/a\*

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	Yes	Kellogg Global Hub 21 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	Davis Station 02 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	Whole Foods 07 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor**	Yes	Target 05 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished**	No	CVS 05 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors**	No	
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	Yes	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances**	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet**	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades**	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	No	
Community	Party Room	No	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	No	



\*Information not available. | \*\*Might vary depending on the unit.



## #14 | Sherman Plaza

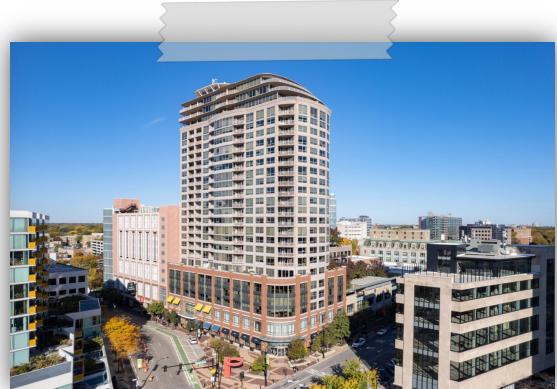
 **Address:** 1620 Sherman Ave

 **Website:** n/a\*

 **Studio rent:** n/a\*

 **1 bed:** from \$1,500

 **2 bed:** n/a\*



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)**	Yes	 Kellogg Global Hub 21 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	No	 Davis Station 04 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	No	 Whole Foods 04 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	No	 Target 01 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	 CVS 02 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	 Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 04 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	Yes	
Apartment	Mail Room	No	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	No	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	No	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	No	
Apartment	Window Shades	No	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	No	
Community	Gym	No	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	No	
Community	Party Room	No	
Community	Parking	No	
Community	Pets Allowed	No	
Community	Swimming Pool	No	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	No	

## #15 | The Link

 **Address:** 811 Emerson St

 [Website](#)

 **Studio rent:** \$2,019

 **1 bed:** from \$2,789

 **2 bed:** from \$3,459



Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	n/a*	 Kellogg Global Hub 17 min
Apartment	Cable Ready	Yes	 Davis Station 07 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows	Yes	 Whole Foods 09 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	 Target 07 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	 CVS 06 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	Yes	
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Mail Room	n/a*	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	n/a*	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet	n/a*	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)	n/a*	
Apartment	Window Shades	n/a*	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	n/a*	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	Yes	
Community	Parking	n/a*	
Community	Pets Allowed	n/a*	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	 Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 10 min

## #16 | The Park Evanston

**Address:** 1630 Chicago Ave[Website](#)**Studio rent:** \$2,228**1 bed:** from \$2,302**2 bed:** from \$3,542

Category	Feature	Availability	Walking distances
Apartment	Air Conditioning (In Unit)	No	Kellogg Global Hub 18 min
Apartment	Cable Ready*	Yes	Davis Station 07 min
Apartment	Expansive Windows*	Yes	Whole Foods 02 min
Apartment	Full Vinyl Plank Floor	Yes	Target 05 min
Apartment	Fully Furnished	No	CVS 05 min
Apartment	Glass Shower Doors	No	Northwestern Medicine Immediate Center 07 min
Apartment	Heating (In Unit)	No	
Apartment	Mail Room	Yes	
Apartment	Patio or Balcony	No	
Apartment	Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances*	Yes	
Apartment	Walk-in Closet*	Yes	
Apartment	Washer/Dryer (In Unit)*	Yes	
Apartment	Window Shades*	Yes	
Community	Controlled Access Building (Butterfly)	Yes	
Community	Gym	Yes	
Community	Outdoor BBQ Grills	Yes	
Community	Party Room	Yes	
Community	Parking	Yes	
Community	Pets Allowed	Yes	
Community	Swimming Pool	Yes	
Leasing	On-Premise Leasing Office	Yes	

*\*Might vary depending on the unit.*

## 2.4.2 House hunting

You will soon find that house-hunting will be one of the most **time-consuming** activities on your list. But there is no reason to panic! We have all been there, and here is a step-by-step that will guide you through this process:



**TASK 17 | HOUSING SHORTLIST:** Identify the top 3 **must-have features** of your new house. Browse websites and this guide to make a **short list** of your favorite apartments.



**TASK 18 | HOUSING RESEARCH:** Now that you have a shortlist of apartments, go deeper.

- Reach out to affinity clubs** and current students to ask for more details. They are always willing to send photos/videos of their houses or set up a quick call to answer more specific questions you might have.
- If possible, **visit the apartments in person**. An in-person visit allows you to check out the neighborhood and trace your future paths. If you are coming to Day At Kellogg (DAK), that could be the perfect opportunity – just make sure you schedule your visit in advance to avoid disappointments.
- Make sure you check the Kellogg Lease Takeover List. In this document, students who are moving out or looking for a new roommate will post the available housing options.

During your research, make sure you **understand all requirements to sign a lease**. Some apartments might require a co-signer, and others might request you to pay a few months' worth of rent in advance. It is also important to make sure you understand all the documentation you will be required to provide to your lease agent.

### 2.4.2 Important resources

- Kellogg Lease Takeover
- Student Life > Housing



**TASK 19 | SIGN YOUR LEASE:** It's time to sign your lease. Make sure you keep a copy of all the documents you sign. Also, take note of your new address – you will fill this information in more forms than you can imagine.



## 2.4.3 Furniture

Except for the on-campus housing options, all other apartments **will not come fully furnished**. When an apartment is described as not fully furnished, it means that the unit does not come with all the necessary furniture and appliances typically found in a fully furnished apartment. The specific level of furnishing can vary, so it's **important to clarify with the landlord or property management** to determine what exactly is included. However, **in general**, a partially furnished apartment may include some or all the following appliances:

- **Kitchen appliances:** This typically includes a stove or range, refrigerator, and sometimes a dishwasher.
- **Bathroom appliances:** These will usually include a toilet, bathtub or shower, mirror, towel bars and hooks, and bathroom cabinets or shelves.
- **Washer and dryer:** Many apartments have a laundry area or shared laundry facilities within the building. In a partially furnished apartment, there may be a washer and dryer provided, although this is not always the case.
- **Lighting:** Adequate lighting fixtures are usually installed in every room.
- **HVAC system:** The apartment should have a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system to provide temperature control and air circulation.
- **Water heater:** A water heater should be present to provide hot water for bathing and cleaning purposes.

While you will not be able to move your furniture before you get to town physically, you can start bargaining early on.



**TASK 20 | CHOOSE YOUR FURNITURE:** students who are moving out usually try to sell their **Furniture Pack** (their used furniture sold in a package for a discounted price). These can be found in the [Kellogg Lease Takeover List](#) (check the Furniture Pack tab), the [Kellogg Facebook Marketplace](#) or the [#marketplace Slack channel](#). If you want to furnish your apartment from scratch, we recommend you browse the following websites: [Amazon](#), [HomeGoods](#), [IKEA](#), [Mattress Firm](#), [Target](#), [Walmart](#), and [Wayfair](#). If you don't know where to start, next is a list of furniture and appliances you might want to consider.



**2.4.3 Essential furniture list.** Print this page or download it to your computer/tablet so as not to forget any important items.

 Bedroom	 Living Room	 Other items
<input type="checkbox"/> Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee table	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedside lamp	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner table and chairs	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedside table	<input type="checkbox"/> Floor lamp	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Duvet	<input type="checkbox"/> Sofa	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Duvet set	<input type="checkbox"/> TV	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Hangers	<input type="checkbox"/> TV stand	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Humidifier		
<input type="checkbox"/> Long mirror		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mattress		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mattress protector		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pillows		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet set		
 Bathroom	 Kitchen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel set	<input type="checkbox"/> Baking tray	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Bathmat	<input type="checkbox"/> Bag clips	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes drying rack	<input type="checkbox"/> Bar stools	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron / Ironing board	<input type="checkbox"/> Blender	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Shower curtain	<input type="checkbox"/> Can opener	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Soap dispenser set	<input type="checkbox"/> Chopping board	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Colander	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Trash can	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dish drainer	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dishtowel	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flatware set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food storage set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Glass set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen utensil set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Knife set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Measuring cup	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mugs	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pan set	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Toaster	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Trash can	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water filter	<input type="checkbox"/> .....



## 2.4.4 Subletting during summer

If you are a 1Y or MMM student, or even if you are attending the [ACE program](#), you will likely move to Evanston during the summer. If your apartment lease only starts in the fall, you might consider subletting during the summer before you move into your permanent apartment. Once again, students promote subleases through the [Kellogg Lease Takeover List](#) (check the Summer Sublets tab).

In the future, you might want to consider subletting yourself (if you move for a summer internship or if you go on an exchange program). **Make sure you are familiar with the subletting rules of your apartment building.** On that note, one of the biggest advantages of the on-campus housing options is that the school gives you the flexibility to lease the apartments only for the quarters you will be on campus (off-campus housing will usually tie you to a 12-month leasing contract minimum).



## 2.5 Pets

### 2.5.1 Bringing a pet to the USA

Moving to a different country is never easy, so we understand that some of you may want to bring your beloved pet with you to the United States. Bringing a pet to the USA, however, requires **careful planning and adherence to specific regulations**.



**TASK 21 | BRING YOUR PET:** By following this step-by-step guide, conducting thorough research, and consulting the relevant authorities, you can ensure a smooth and stress-free experience for both you and your furry companion.

#### 1. Research Pet Entry Requirements:

- Contact the [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) to understand the entry requirements for bringing your pet into the USA.
- Determine if your pet's species is allowed in the USA and if there are any specific restrictions or regulations that apply.

#### 2. Veterinary Check-ups and Vaccinations:

- Schedule a visit to your veterinarian well in advance of your departure date.
- Ensure that your pet is in good health and up-to-date on all necessary vaccinations, including rabies.
- Obtain a health certificate or international health certificate from your veterinarian, as this may be required for travel.

#### 3. Microchipping and Identification:

- Check if your pet requires a microchip for identification purposes. If not already microchipped, consider having it done by your veterinarian.
- Update your contact information associated with the microchip to reflect your new address in the USA.



**4. Research Airline Policies:**

- Contact the airlines you plan to fly with and inquire about their pet policies, including size and weight restrictions, carrier specifications, and any additional fees or documentation required.
- Select an airline that allows pets to travel in the cabin, as this is often more comfortable for both you and your pet.

**5. Pet Carrier and Travel Arrangements:**

- Purchase an airline-approved pet carrier that provides adequate space, ventilation, and security for your pet.
- Familiarize your pet with the carrier by gradually introducing it and allowing them to spend time in it prior to travel.
- Make travel arrangements and book your flights well in advance, considering the specific requirements and restrictions for pet travel.

**6. Arrange Quarantine or Boarding Facilities (if applicable):**

- Determine if your pet will be subject to quarantine upon arrival in the USA based on your country of origin and the type of pet.
- Research and make reservations at reputable pet boarding facilities or quarantine facilities, if needed.

**7. Compliance with Import Regulations:**

- Ensure that you comply with all import regulations and documentation requirements set by the USDA or APHIS.
- This may include completing forms, providing vaccination records, and paying any necessary fees.

**8. Preparing for Arrival:**

- Pack essential items for your pet, such as food, water, medication, toys, and bedding.
- Make sure to have a leash, collar with identification tags, and any other necessary pet accessories.
- Plan for transportation from the airport to your destination, considering your pet's comfort and safety.



## 9. Arrival and Customs:

- Upon arrival in the USA, declare your pet to the customs officials and provide any required documentation.
- Follow the instructions provided by customs officials and allow them to inspect your pet, if necessary.

### 2.5.2 Having a pet in Evanston

Rest assured that Evanston is a pet-friendly city with readily available veterinary care and pet supplies. While having a pet can bring companionship and joy during your MBA journey, it also requires careful planning and consideration to ensure both you and your pet have a positive experience. Make sure you consider the following factors:

- **Pet-Friendly Housing:** Before making any commitments, ensure that you secure pet-friendly housing in Evanston. Many apartment complexes and landlords have specific pet policies and may require additional deposits or fees. Research your options and find a suitable place where your pet will be welcomed.
- **Time and Responsibility:** Pursuing an MBA program demands dedication and time commitment. Assess your availability to ensure that you can allocate quality time for your pet's care and well-being. Keep in mind that responsible pet ownership involves regular exercise, socialization, and attention to meet your pet's physical and emotional needs.
- **Travel and Pet Care:** Consider how you will handle your pet's care when you have academic or personal commitments that require you to be away from home. It is certainly possible to find local pet boarding facilities or reliable pet sitters who can provide a nurturing environment for your pet while you are away but keep in mind that these imply extra costs.



## 2.6 Packing

### 2.6.1 What should I pack?

While packing is a very personal activity, it should be done efficiently because most airline companies will only allow you to **check in one 23kg (50lb) piece of luggage** plus a **carry-on** item (anything extra will likely be charged separately). In this section, you will find some useful tips as well as a packing list that you can check off to make sure you don't forget anything important.

#### Personal Items

- Bringing personal items that remind you of your home country and culture can be a wonderful way to stay connected to your roots while studying abroad. These items can provide comfort, serve as conversation starters, and help you feel more at home in your new environment. Here are some suggestions for personal items you might want to consider bringing: **traditional clothing, decorative items, musical instruments, books, traditional games or toys, photographs, and family keepsakes.**

#### Formal Clothing

- While **day-to-day attire** for students tends to be **casual** in most academic settings, there may be occasions where you'll need to dress formally, especially for **interviews or professional events.**
- Before attending interviews or formal events, **confirm the dress code expectations** of the organization or event (this will usually be mentioned in the event description or invite). Some industries may have specific dress norms, such as business formal or business casual.



## Adaptors & Converters

- **Voltage:** The standard voltage in the USA is 110 volts. It's important to note that this voltage may differ from what is used in your home country, so you need to check the voltage requirements of your electronic devices before plugging them in.
- **Power Outlets:** The power outlets in the USA typically have two flat parallel pins. These are referred to as Type A or Type B outlets. Type A outlets do not have a grounding pin, while Type B outlets include a grounding pin for added safety. Most modern buildings and accommodations have Type B outlets.

### 2.6.1 What do power outlets look like in the USA?



Type B Power outlets you will find in most buildings



Common universal adaptors you can easily find online or in nearby shops

## Personal Medication

- It is possible that you might need to bring personal medication since you are going to stay in the U.S. for a relatively long period of time. The [FDA](#) will allow foreign nationals to **bring or ship a 90-day supply of drug products**. If the foreign national is staying longer than 90 days, they may have additional medication sent to them. Here are some tips to avoid stress:

- ❑ Carry medications in their original packaging.
- ❑ Have a copy of the prescriptions and a doctor's note (in English).
- ❑ Research if your medication is allowed in the USA and complies with regulations.
- ❑ Avoid carrying excessive amounts.
- ❑ Check if your medication requires any special documentation.



**TASK 22 | PACK YOUR BAGS:** Use our suggested packing list to make sure you don't forget anything important.

**2.6.1 Suggested packing list.** Print this page or download it to your computer/tablet so as not to forget any important items.



### Documents

- Passport
- I-20 or DS-2019
- SEVIS fee payment
- Kellogg letter of admission
- Driver's License
- National ID



### Clothing

- Activewear (workout clothes, gym attire)
- Bottoms (pants, jeans, skirts, shorts)
- Dresses or formal outfits (for special events)
- Jackets or coats (appropriate for the climate)
- Personalized items that reflect your style and culture.
- Professional attire (for interviews or professional events)
- Rain gear (raincoat, waterproof shoes)
- Sleepwear (pajamas, nightgowns, or loungewear)
- Socks and stockings
- Swimwear
- Tops (t-shirts, blouses, shirts)
- Traditional or cultural clothing (if desired)
- Undergarments (underwear, bras, undershirts)
- Sweaters or cardigans (for layering and colder weather)



### Carry-on items

- Book
- Cell phone
- Chargers
- Earphones
- Notebook/tablet
- Prescription medications
- Wallet



### Toiletries

- Body wash or soap, shampoo, and conditioner\*
- Cotton swabs (Q-tips)\*
- Deodorant\*
- Dental floss, toothbrush, toothpaste\*
- Face cleanser, moisturizer\*
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, etc.)\*
- First aid kit (band-aids, antiseptic ointment, pain relievers)\*
- Hairbrush/comb, styling products\* (gel, mousse, etc.)
- Glasses or contact lenses, solution (if applicable)
- Lip balm\*
- Makeup\*
- Nail clippers, nail file\*
- Razor, shaving cream/gel\*
- Sunscreen\*



### Shoes

- Comfortable shoes
- Dress shoes
- Flip-flops or sandals
- Sports shoes
- Winter boots



### Accessories

- Belts
- Clutch /belt bag
- Hats, headbands
- Jewelry
- Scarves, hats, gloves
- Sunglasses



\*Most items can be found in local stores or online. We only recommend you bring items that are very specific or not sold in the USA.



## 2.7 Budget

### 2.7.1 Estimated expenses

Budgeting is a crucial aspect of your MBA journey at Kellogg. Understanding and managing your expenses will help you make the most of your time here. Below is an estimate of the main costs you can expect during your Kellogg experience for the most popular programs – a comprehensive expenses overview can be found [here](#). By clearly understanding your financial commitments, you can plan ahead and make informed decisions to ensure a rewarding and financially sustainable MBA journey.

PROGRAM	ONE-YEAR MBA	TWO-YEAR MBA
<b>Academics</b>		
Tuition	\$112,336	\$81,015
First Year Fee	\$1,000	\$2,000
Student Activity and Experience Fee	\$1,400	\$1,400
Student Association Fee	\$520	\$390
Books & Supplies*	\$2,196	\$1,647
Health Insurance	\$6,437	\$5,144
University Health Services Fee	\$798	\$798
	\$124,687	\$92,394
<b>Personal</b>		
Food & Housing*	\$26,400	\$19,800
Travel*	\$1,772	\$1,329
Personal*	\$4,200	\$3,150
Computer Equipment*	\$1,200	\$1,200
Loan Fees*	\$4,136	\$2,559
	\$37,708	\$28,038
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$162,395</b>	<b>\$120,432</b>

## 3. Moving to Evanston

### 3.1 Port of Entry, Arrival, and Check-in

#### 3.1.1 Plan your arrival

F-1 and J-1 students may **not arrive to the U.S. more than 30 days before the start date listed on the F-1 I-20 or the J-1 DS-2019**. If you decide to come earlier than this, you will enter as a tourist and must leave the United States so that you may **re-enter in the correct F-1 or J-1 status** no more than 30 days before the start date listed on your immigration document.

#### 3.1.2 Inspection at a U.S. port of entry



**TASK 23 | PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTION:** Upon inspection at a U.S. Port of Entry (such as an airport), the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer will ask for these documents:

- Northwestern-issued **I-20 or DS-2019**;
- A valid passport valid six months into the future** (students with passport countries [listed here](#) do not need a passport valid six months into the future);
- A valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamp** (Canadians do not obtain an F-1 or J-1 visa);
- Your SEVIS I-901 fee payment receipt**;
- You may be asked for your **Kellogg letter of admission**.

Keep these documents with you during your travel. Be prepared to present these documents to CBP upon arrival. If you are traveling by airplane, you will present these documents for inspection before you have access to your larger checked luggage, so **please keep these documents in your carry-on items during your flight**.

### 3.1.3 I-94 arrival record

The **I-94 is your official arrival record** to record your entry to the U.S., your immigration (visa) category, and your approved length of stay. The OISS recommends that you **retrieve and check your I-94 arrival record every time you re-enter the U.S.** In most cases, I-94 entry records are only issued electronically. Many U.S. Ports of Entry no longer issue entry stamps as well. Visit the CBP I-94 [website](#) to retrieve your I-94.

**Check** your I-94 for accuracy including these details:

- Admission date (the date your arrived to the U.S.)
- Visa status
- Personal information

If you **notice an error** in your I-94 record, you can visit the CBP I-94 website and click on “Contact CBP” to **submit a correction request**. You can also contact your OISS Advisor for assistance with this correction.

### 3.1.4 Mandatory check in



**TASK 24 | STUDENT CHECK-IN:** International Student check-in is required to activate your SEVIS record. All international students in F or J status **must check in through the OISS Portal** **within 5 days** of arrival to the U.S. by following these steps:

- Complete the online check-in through the [OISS Portal](#)
  - You will upload a copy of your F-1 or J-1 visa and I-94 arrival record.  
Canadians do not receive an F-1 or J-1 visa.
  - You will learn how to update your U.S. address, phone number, and emergency contact in the CAESAR system, which is required to check in.
  - You will learn important immigration information.
- Update your current address, US phone number & emergency contact in CAESAR.
- Attend international student orientation:
  - International Student Orientation (ISO), designed specifically for undergraduate students.
  - Graduate Orientation (GISO), designed specifically for graduate Students.



## 3.2 Transportation

### 3.2.1 From the airport to Evanston

If you are flying to Chicago, it is very likely your plane will land at [O'hare Airport](#), which means you still have a short journey ahead before getting to Evanston. There are several transportation alternatives available, but make sure you plan ahead to make this journey convenient and hassle-free. Here are the most common transport alternatives to help you:



**TASK 25 | PLAN AIRPORT TO EVANSTON COMMUTE:** plan your commute journey between the airport and Evanston before departing.

#### Taxi

- Taxis provide one of the most convenient door-to-door transportation options. After collecting your luggage, follow the signs directing you to the designated taxi stand. Look for signs indicating "Ground Transportation" or "Taxis."
- **Time:** Approximately 30-45 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.
- **Cost:** Around \$45-\$60, excluding tips.

#### Ride-share

- Ride-share services like [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#) are also very convenient and usually cheaper than taxis. However, pay attention to the airport signs: uber pick-up locations are not available in every terminal, and you might have to walk a bit before ordering your car.
- **Time:** Approximately 30-45 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.
- **Cost:** Around \$35-\$50, excluding tips.

## Public Transportation

- While public transport might take you longer to get to Evanston, it is certainly the most affordable option. You will need to take a train from the airport to downtown Chicago, such as the CTA Blue Line or Metra North Central Service, and from there, transfer to a bus serving Evanston.
- **CTA Blue Line + CTA Bus:**
  - Blue Line: \$5 for a one-way fare, approximately 45 minutes to downtown Chicago.
  - CTA Bus (e.g., 201, 205, 206): \$2.25 for a one-way fare, around 45 minutes to 1 hour to reach Evanston.
- **Metra North Central Service + CTA Bus:**
  - Metra: \$8 for a one-way fare, approximately 30 minutes to downtown Chicago.
  - CTA Bus: \$2.25 for a one-way fare, around 45 minutes to 1 hour to reach Evanston.

### 3.2.2 Getting Around Campus

Kellogg's campus at Northwestern University offers a vibrant and accessible environment for students to navigate. While **walking is the primary mode of transportation** for most students, there are alternative options available, particularly during the colder winter days.

Whether you're attending classes, participating in group projects, or exploring campus facilities, it's essential to be aware of the various transportation options that can make your journey more comfortable and efficient.

#### 3.2.2 Getting Around Campus

-  [Transportation, Parking and Visitors](#)
-  [Evanston Campus Map](#)
-  [City of Evanston Map](#)

## Northwestern Shuttles

- All employees and students may ride the inter-campus shuttle at **no charge** by displaying an **active WildCard ID** to the driver. The [Evanston Loop](#) is a great option to take you to the Global Hub.
- Whether you are headed to the city or to Kellogg's Chicago campus, the [Intercampus shuttle](#) is a great option to take you downtown for free.



### Public Transport CTA #201

- The [Chicago Transit Authority's #201 bus](#) (CTA 201) operates between the CTA Howard station and Westfield Old Orchard Mall with stops in downtown Evanston, on campus, at Ryan Field, and along Central Street.
- A University-issued **Ventra card** is required to receive free rides on the CTA #201 route during program dates. More information can be found [here](#).

### Ride-share

- Ride-share services like [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#) have become popular options, especially during the severe winter days. Students who live in the same apartment buildings tend to share these rides, and they will cost approximately \$10.

### Bike/Electric Scooters

- Bikes and scooters are definitely an option. Whether you will be able to use them during the cold season, however, will depend on your low-temperature tolerance.
- **Bicycle racks** are located across the circle from the front entrance of the Global Hub. Just don't forget to **lock your bikes!**

#### 3.2.2 Do students bike in winter?

 **Student 1 perspective:** *“During winter, biking on campus becomes less common due to the cold and potential hazards. Instead, students often rely on walking, campus shuttles, public transportation, or ride-sharing with fellow classmates. While a few brave souls still bike year-round, most of us prefer safer and more comfortable transportation options during the colder months.”*



## Parking

- Parking on campus is very limited, so students are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transportation rather than bring a car to campus. If you want to drive, however, you will have two options: purchase daily permits (look for signs in the parking garage of where to pay) or annual permits, which are quite restricted.
- **Evanston campus parking [map](#)**
- **Daily permits:** cost \$9.00 for visitors, faculty, staff, and students. Daily permits are non-refundable.
- **Annual permits:**
  - **Eligibility:** Students with senior standing or above who live on campus are eligible for parking permits. All graduate and commuting students who live outside of the [walking zone](#) are also eligible. Chicago campus students are eligible if they have Evanston campus classes during enforcement hours (subject to verification by class schedule).
  - **Student Commuter (annual):** \$600.00
  - **Student Commuter 9 month (academic year):** \$504.00
  - **Residential Student (annual):** \$600.00
  - **Residential Student 9 month (academic year):** \$504.00

### 3.2.3 Driver's license

As an international student at Kellogg, we understand that you may be interested in obtaining a driver's license to facilitate your mobility and independence during your time in Illinois and in the United States. It's important to note that a driver's license is a valuable form of identification, but it's essential to remember that it is not a substitute for other official identification documents, such as a passport or visa.

Below, we provide comprehensive information on obtaining a driver's license in Illinois, including the requirements, application process, and important considerations. First and foremost, be aware that Illinois offers [two different types](#) of driver's licenses: **Standard** and **Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL)**.



## Standard License

- [Website](#)
- **Pre-requisite:** have a valid [SSN](#). If you do not have one, you will have to apply for a TVDL.
- **Application process:**
  - Visit a [Secretary of State facility](#), show the required identification documents, and have your photo taken.
  - Surrender all valid out-of-state licenses, state ID cards, instruction permits, and commercial driver's licenses.
  - Pay the appropriate fee.
  - Pass the appropriate exams (vision screening, written and/or driving).
  - When all necessary requirements are completed, a temporary, secure paper driver's license, valid for 90 days, will be issued to serve as the DL/state ID for driving purposes and proof of identification until the permanent DL/state ID arrives in the mail within 15 business days.

## Temporary Visitor Driver's License

- [Website](#)
- [Information](#)
- [Document checklist](#)
- **Important:** Before relying on your Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL) for driving in other states, certifying whether those states accept the TVDL as a valid form of identification is crucial.



### 3.2.3 Was it easy to get a TVDL?

 **Student 1 perspective:** “Overall, I found it to be relatively easy and straightforward. While the document checklist mentioned providing proof of living in Illinois for at least 12 months, I was able to present proof of my current residence, which satisfied the requirement. The staff at the Secretary of State's office were helpful and guided me through the necessary steps. They verified my identity, immigration status, and residency, and after successfully completing the vision screening and paying the fee, I received my TVDL. I recommend thoroughly reviewing the specific requirements for the TVDL application, preparing the necessary documents, and scheduling an appointment to ensure a smooth process.”

### 3.2.3 Can I use my foreign country drivers' license?

 **Student 2 perspective:** “Yes, you can drive in the United States with a valid foreign driver's license for up to 90 days. However, it's important to note that different states may have varying rules and regulations regarding driving with a foreign driver's license, so it is advisable to check with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or the appropriate licensing authority in the state where you will be driving to understand their specific requirements and ensure compliance with local regulations.”

### 3.2.4 Car rental

When it comes to car rental options nearby, there are several choices available for your convenience. You can find major car rental companies such as [Hertz](#), [Enterprise](#), [National](#), and [Avis](#), which offer a wide range of vehicles to suit your needs. These rental companies have locations conveniently located near Evanston, providing easy access to pick up and drop off your rental car. Whether you need a car for a weekend getaway or to run errands. An alternative to the traditional options is [Zipcar](#), a car-sharing service that allows you to rent a car by the hour or day, providing a flexible and cost-effective transportation solution. It is recommended to compare prices, check for any **student discounts** or promotions, and make a reservation in advance to secure the best option for your transportation needs.



## 3.3 Cell Phone Plans

### 3.3.1 Important considerations

Getting a USA phone number and staying connected are essential during your time at Kellogg. This chapter provides an overview of cell phone plan options, approximate monthly prices, and considerations specific to international students. Read on to make an informed decision about your cell phone plan:



**TASK 26 | GET CONNECTED:** select a mobile plan and data so that you are always connected.

- **Prepaid vs. Postpaid:** Prepaid plans with Auto Pay (enrolling a local debit/credit card for automatic monthly payments) option are certainly the most popular option for international students. Many providers require a Social Security Number (SSN) or a local credit card, which may be difficult for international students who are new to the U.S.
- **Price Range:** Approximate monthly prices for cell phone plans range from **\$20 to \$60**, depending on features and data allowances. Consider your budget and communication needs when selecting a plan.
- **Family Plans:** getting a family plan and sharing it with colleagues is a good way of saving money on mobile plans.
- **Operator Coverage:** While overall coverage in the town is generally reliable, it's important to note that certain buildings or specific locations may have varying network performance. Take this into consideration to ensure that your chosen operator provides satisfactory coverage in the areas you frequent the most – it is always a good idea to check with other students who live in the housing you choose to confirm network quality.
- **Device Compatibility:** Determine if you will bring your own device (BYOD) or purchase one locally. Ensure that your device is compatible with the chosen provider's network for a smooth experience.

### 3.3.2 Popular cell phone plans

Below is a compilation of the most sought-after cell phone plans among Kellogg students.

Compare Offers	Physical store in Evanston
<a href="#"><u>T-Mobile</u></a>	Yes
<a href="#"><u>AT&amp;T</u></a>	Yes
<a href="#"><u>Verizon</u></a>	Yes
<a href="#"><u>Google Fi</u></a>	No



## 3.4 Banking Services

### 3.4.1 Bank accounts

As an international, opening a bank account in the USA and obtaining a credit card will be essential for managing your finances effectively. The most popular banks Kellogg students use are [Citibank](#) and [Chase](#) for the convenience of having local branches in town.

When deciding which bank to choose, make sure you ask questions related to the following items:



**TASK 27 | OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT:** decide on a financial institution, open a bank account and have access to debit and credit cards.

- ❑ **Documentation required to open an account:** banks usually require you to bring your valid passport with your student visa, Kellogg student ID, and proof of local address, such as a utility bill or lease agreement. Before you make a trip to the bank, it is important you confirm if they accept your specific documents as valid identification and if any additional documents, such as a visa or I-20, are necessary for international students.
- ❑ **Fees:** compare the fee structures of different bank accounts, including monthly maintenance fees, ATM withdrawal fees, and overdraft charges. Look for fee waivers, such as waiving monthly maintenance fees for students, to minimize your banking costs (usually, banks will charge you a service fee unless you maintain an average monthly balance of a pre-determined amount of dollars). Finally, consider any international transaction fees or foreign currency conversion charges if you plan to use your account for international transfers.
- ❑ **Credit Cards:** confirm the bank will be able to provide you with a credit card without you providing them a [Social Security Number](#) or [credit history](#). Both Citibank and Chase offer students credit cards with monthly limits that revolve around \$1,000 but that have the potential to increase over time. Also, consider credit cards that provide rewards points or cashback on specific categories like dining, travel, or groceries, maximizing the benefits that align with your spending habits. Finally, you might want to confirm whether the bank will be able to link your new credit history with the SSN you will get in the future.

- ❑ **Extra benefits:** explore any financial bonuses or incentives offered for opening a new account or credit card, such as sign-up bonuses or referral programs (in the past, Chase would offer students a \$200 deposit when they opened a bank account).
- ❑ **Branches and ATMs:** both Citibank and Chase have branches and ATMs in Evanston. If you opt for another bank, make sure you evaluate the proximity of bank branches and ATMs to Kellogg, your residence, and other areas you frequently visit to ensure convenient access to in-person services.

### 3.4.2 Domestic money transfer

Domestic money transfers have undergone significant changes in the United States thanks to digital advancements. While traditional methods, such as bank transfers or checks, are still available, they can often be time-consuming. For the convenience and speed desired by students, popular mobile apps like [Zelle](#) and [Venmo](#) have gained popularity.

These popular mobile payment apps offer **convenient ways to transfer money** within the United States. When setting up an account on these platforms, users can link their preferred debit card or bank account to facilitate transactions. By doing so, they can seamlessly send and receive money to and from their contacts. One notable advantage of using Zelle and Venmo is the speed of transactions, as **funds are transferred instantly between connected accounts**.

You might not find these apps in your respective App Store before you get to the USA. This is because the app is not available in your region. Once you get here, change the region of your App Store to the USA (typically requires a US phone number and postal code for verification), and you should be good to go.

### 3.4.3 International money transfer

As an international student, managing your finances across borders is crucial to your journey. Here, we will explore various methods and considerations **for transferring money to and from the USA**. Whether you are supporting yourself, receiving funds from family abroad, or paying tuition, understanding the available options and making informed decisions will help you confidently navigate the complexities of international financial transactions. Let's discover the most efficient and cost-effective ways to transfer money internationally while ensuring the security and convenience that you deserve.



### International Wire Transfer

- You can transfer money directly from your **home country's bank account to your US bank account** through an **international wire transfer**. This method typically involves fees and may take a few business days for the funds to be credited.
- When opting for an international wire transfer, you will need to provide specific information to your home country's bank to initiate the transfer. This information typically includes:
  - **ACH Number** (Automated Clearing House): This is a unique identifier for the receiving bank in the USA. It helps facilitate the electronic transfer of funds within the US banking system.
  - **SWIFT Code** (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication): This is a globally recognized code that identifies the receiving bank and helps ensure the accurate routing of the transfer internationally.
  - **Bank Account Number**: You will need to provide your US bank account number to receive the funds in your account.
  - **Account Holder's Name**: Your full name as it appears on your US bank account is essential to ensure that the funds are deposited correctly.
  - **Bank Address**: The physical address of your US bank branch may be required for the wire transfer.

### Online Money Transfer Services

- Utilize online money **transfer services** such as [Wise](#) or [Remitly](#). These platforms allow you to send money internationally at **competitive exchange rates** and lower fees compared to traditional banks. The funds can be transferred directly to your US bank account.

### Prepaid Debit Cards

- Some international students opt for prepaid debit cards that can be **funded from their home country and used in the US**. These cards allow you to make purchases and withdraw cash from ATMs, offering a convenient option for managing your finances.



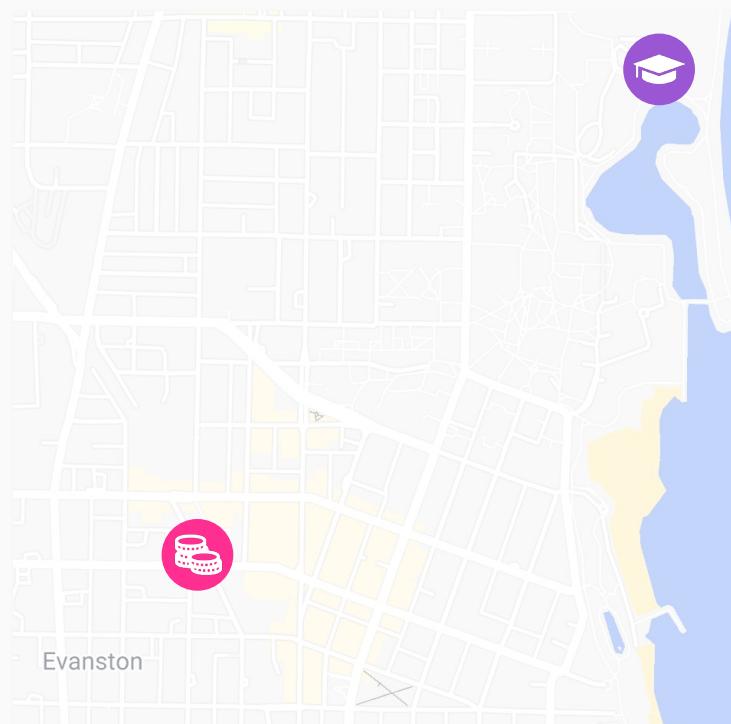
## 3.5 Household

### 3.5.1 Setup ComEd account

If the utility bills charged by your landlord do not already include electricity, you may need to complete an additional process to set up an account with ComEd, the local electric utility company. Here are the steps you will have to follow:

#### TASK 28 | SETUP ComEd ACCOUNT:

  Because you will not have a [SSN](#), you **won't** be able to create an account online with ComEd **by yourself**. First, you will have to **visit the local currency exchange** (address below) to validate your documentation. Explain you are setting up a new ComEd account and provide them with your **new US address**. Note that the currency exchange will **charge a fee** for this service and will **only accept cash**. Finally, they will provide you with a validation code.



#### 3.3.4 Evanston Currency Exchange.

**Address:** 1605 Maple Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

**Phone:** (847) 328-5337

You will then be required to [call ComEd](#) and provide this code so that they can **set up your account over the phone**.

Once you finish this process, you will be able to [access your ComEd account online](#). There you will find information regarding your electricity consumption, upcoming bill, and payment center (payment is done online, using a bank account or card information, and there is even an option of enrolling in auto pay).

### 3.5.2 Groceries

Navigating the grocery options is an essential part of student life, and here we provide you with valuable insights. We have curated a list of **recommended stores** that offer a diverse range of products to suit various dietary preferences and budgets.

#### Whole Foods Market



- **Address:** [1640 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60201](#)
- **Distance from Kellogg Global Hub:** Approximately 17 minutes walking.
- **Description:** Whole Foods Market offers a wide selection of organic and natural products catering to health-conscious shoppers. It provides a range of high-quality groceries, including fresh produce, specialty items, and prepared foods.
- **Price range:** \$\$\$

#### Target



- **Address:** [1616 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60201](#)
- **Distance from Kellogg Global Hub:** Approximately 21 minutes walking.
- **Description:** Target is a popular retail chain offering groceries and a wide range of other products. It is a convenient one-stop shop for groceries, household items, electronics, and more.
- **Price range:** \$\$

#### Trader Joe's



- **Address:** [1211 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60202](#)
- **Distance from Kellogg Global Hub:** Approximately 28 minutes walking.
- **Description:** Trader Joe's is known for its unique and affordable products. It offers a diverse range of groceries, including fresh produce, gourmet snacks, and specialty items.
- **Price range:** \$\$





### Jewel-Osco

- **Address:** [1128 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60202](https://www.jewelosco.com/store-locator/1128-chicago-ave-1)
- **Distance from Kellogg Global Hub:** Approximately 30 minutes walking.
- **Description:** Jewel-Osco is a well-established supermarket chain offering a comprehensive grocery selection. It includes a variety of fresh produce, meats, pantry staples, and household items, making it a convenient option for everyday shopping.
- **Price range:** \$\$



### Valli Produce

- **Address:** [1910 Dempster St, Evanston, IL 60202](https://www.valliproduce.com/)
- **Distance from Kellogg Global Hub:** Approximately 10 minutes by car.
- **Description:** Valli Produce specializes in international and ethnic foods, providing a wide variety of fresh produce, spices, and ingredients from around the world. It is a great destination for those seeking diverse culinary options.
- **Price range:** \$\$



### Amazon

- **Website:** <https://www.amazon.com>
- **Description:** Shopping for groceries on Amazon is a very popular choice among students because it provides the convenience of doorstep delivery, saving you time and effort while ensuring access to a wide array of products. Make sure you check their [student discounts](#).



### Walmart

- **Website:** <https://www.walmart.com>
- **Description:** Known for its "everyday low prices," Walmart offers a wide selection of grocery items, including fresh produce, meats, dairy products, pantry staples, and more. They also have [special offers](#).



## Instacart

- **Website:** <https://www.instacart.com/>
- **Description:** Instacart specializes in grocery delivery, allowing you to shop for groceries from your favorite local stores and have them delivered to your doorstep in Evanston. It provides convenience and a wide range of grocery options to meet your needs.



### 3.5.3 Food delivery

Sometimes, after a long day of classes and studying, you might find yourself craving a delicious meal without the hassle of cooking or going out. In such moments, food delivery becomes a convenient and enticing option for students. Find below some of the most popular apps.

#### Uber Eats

- **Website:** [www.ubereats.com](http://www.ubereats.com)
- **Description:** A popular food delivery app that connects you with a wide selection of restaurants in Evanston, offering quick and reliable delivery services.



#### Grubhub

- **Website:** [www.grubhub.com](http://www.grubhub.com)
- **Description:** An established platform that allows you to browse local restaurants, discover diverse cuisines, and enjoy hassle-free food delivery in Evanston.



#### DoorDash

- **Website:** [www.doordash.com](http://www.doordash.com)
- **Description:** Offering an extensive range of restaurant options and reliable delivery, DoorDash is a go-to app for convenient and timely food delivery in Evanston.



#### Postmates

- **Website:** [postmates.com](http://postmates.com)
- **Description:** With a user-friendly interface and a broad selection of restaurants, Postmates provides fast and reliable delivery services.



## 3.6 Health, safety & security

### 3.6.1 Medical non-emergencies

While we expect that you won't experience any health issues, it's important to be prepared for **non-emergency medical** concerns. Knowing your options for timely care ensures peace of mind and support throughout your academic journey.

#### What are medical non-emergencies?

- Common illnesses (such as colds, flu, allergies)
- Minor injuries (sprains, cuts)
- Routine vaccinations
- Non-urgent health issues that may require medical advice or evaluation

#### 3.6.1 How to check medical history?

 [Northwestern Medicine website](#)

*Use this website to manage appointments, access test results, communicate with your doctor or even request prescription refills.*

Remember, your health and well-being are a priority, and if the need arises, the following resources are here for you:

#### Schedule an Appointment

- **How:** [Northwestern Medicine website](#)
- **Closes clinic:** [Searle Hall \(Health Service\), 633 Emerson Street, Evanston, IL 60208](#)
- **Description:** if you require specialized non-emergency care, scheduling appointments through the NM website ensures tailored attention and reduced wait times.
- **Price:** Most specialties are covered by your student health insurance, but you might have to pay for prescription medication or exams.

#### Walk-In Clinic

- **Where:** [Northwestern Medicine Immediate Care Evanston](#)
- **Opening hours:** 8 AM – 7:30 PM, every day
- **Description:** the walk-in clinic offers a compassionate and prompt response to non-emergency medical issues without requiring an appointment.



From common illnesses to minor injuries and vaccinations, their dedicated team is ready to provide care when needed.

- **Price:** your student health insurance covers the visit, but you might have to pay for prescription medication or exams.

### 3.6.2 Other non-emergencies

Non-emergency situations in Evanston refer to incidents that are not life-threatening or in immediate need of emergency services, and if ever faced by one, it is important that you know how to handle them appropriately.

#### What are other non-emergencies?

- Noise complaints (excessive noise from parties, loud music, etc.)
- Minor property damage (vandalism, broken windows, etc.)
- Non-urgent animal-related issues (stray animals, non-aggressive wildlife, etc.)
- Minor traffic accidents (no injuries, minimal vehicle damage)

#### Call 311

- **Assess the Situation:** Determine if it is urgent and requires immediate attention or can be addressed without emergency services.
- **Contact Evanston Non-Emergency Services:** In Evanston, the **non-emergency number is 311** when dialed from within the city or **(847) 448-4311** from outside the city. The representatives will provide guidance and connect you with the appropriate city services or departments.
- **Provide Details:** When reporting a non-emergency situation, provide accurate and detailed information about the incident. This includes the nature of the issue, location, and any other relevant details. This will help the authorities respond effectively and efficiently.
- **Follow Instructions:** Follow any instructions provided by the non-emergency services representatives. They may advise you on the appropriate steps to take or connect you with the relevant city services, such as animal control, noise control, or code enforcement.



### 3.6.3 Emergencies

If faced with emergency situations in Evanston (or in the USA), it is crucial to know how to respond swiftly and effectively to ensure the safety and well-being of yourself and others.

#### **Call 911 immediately in the following circumstances:**

- **Life-Threatening Medical Emergencies:** Call 911 for any situation where there is a threat to life, such as chest pain, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding, or loss of consciousness.
- **Fires or Hazardous Situations:** If you notice a fire, explosion, or hazardous material release, call 911 immediately to report the incident and ensure the safety of yourself and others.
- **Criminal Activity or Suspicious Behavior:** If you witness a crime in progress or encounter a suspicious activity that poses an immediate threat to yourself or others, call 911 to report the situation.
- **Serious Accidents or Injuries:** If you come across a severe accident or witness a major injury, such as a car crash with significant damage, a fall from a height, or a severe burn, dial 911 for immediate assistance.
- **Violence or Threats:** If you or someone else is in immediate danger due to violence or threats of harm, call 911 to report the situation and ensure the safety of everyone involved.

**Remember, 911 is reserved for emergencies that require immediate attention from law enforcement, fire services, or medical professionals.** When calling 911, remain calm, provide accurate information about the situation, and follow the instructions given by the dispatcher.

#### 3.6.3 School Policies

##### Emergency Management

*It is important that you familiarize yourself with Northwestern's Emergency Response Framework.*



**TASK 29 | UPDATE EMERGENCY SMS ALERT:** once you get your US mobile number, it is important that you follow these steps to update your information on CEASAR to ensure you receive timely information in the event of a crisis affecting the University.

### 3.6.4 Theft and violence

Evanston has a relatively low incidence of theft and violence compared to many other cities in the United States. The community and local authorities are dedicated to maintaining a safe environment for residents and visitors. However, it is important to practice caution and follow best practices to ensure personal safety:

- 1. Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Stay vigilant and attentive to your surroundings, especially in unfamiliar areas or at night.
- 2. Secure Your Belongings:** Keep your personal belongings secure and never leave valuables unattended. Lock your doors and windows when leaving your residence or vehicle. Also, don't forget to lock your bikes securely using high-quality U-locks or sturdy chains, even when parked briefly, and the double locking method, securing both the frame and the wheels to a fixed object such as a bike rack.
- 3. Travel in Groups:** When possible, travel with others, especially during late hours or in less crowded areas.
- 4. Use Well-Lit and Populated Areas:** Stick to well-lit and heavily populated areas, especially during nighttime.
- 5. Keep Emergency Contacts Handy:** Save emergency contact numbers in your phone, including local authorities, university security, and trusted friends or relatives.
- 6. Utilize Safety Escorts:** Take advantage of safety escort services offered by the university or public transportation when traveling alone at night. Kellogg offers a free [Safe Ride](#) service that lets you request a ride to and from your desired location within the defined boundaries.
- 7. Stay Connected:** Inform a trusted friend or family member of your whereabouts and plans, especially if you are going out alone.
- 8. Trust Your Instincts:** If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation, trust your instincts and take the necessary precautions to remove yourself from the situation.



### 3.6.5 Weather

Evanston experiences four distinct seasons throughout the year, each offering its own unique weather characteristics. Here's a brief description of the typical weather in Evanston during each season, along with the average historical temperatures:



#### Summer

- **Period:** June to August
- **Average temperature range:** 17°C to 28°C (63°F to 82°F)
- **Description:** Summers in Evanston are warm and often humid, with occasional heat waves and thunderstorms. It is the perfect time to enjoy outdoor activities and visit the nearby beaches of Lake Michigan.



#### Fall

- **Period:** September to November
- **Average temperature range:** 6°C to 21°C (43°F to 69°F)
- **Description:** Fall in Evanston showcases beautiful foliage as the leaves change color. The weather becomes cooler, signaling the arrival of autumn, with decreasing humidity and occasional rainfall.



#### Winter

- **Period:** December to February
- **Average temperature range:** -6°C to 2°C (21°F to 36°F)
- **Description:** Winters in Evanston can be cold and snowy. Snowfall is common, creating a picturesque winter landscape with occasional sub-freezing temperatures and chilly winds.



#### Spring

- **Period:** March to May
- **Average temperature range:** 3°C to 16°C (37°F to 61°F)
- **Description:** Spring in Evanston brings a transition from cold to mild temperatures. It is a time of blossoming flowers, increasing daylight, and occasional rainfall.



## 4. Kellogg Pre Term

### 4.1 Fall Pre-Term 2023

We know incoming students are eager to embark on their MBA journey, and you may be surprised to find that activities kick off sooner than they expect – check the calendar below for important dates and events. More information on dates can be found [here](#).

MONTH	DAY	EVENT
July	20	ACE begins (Optional)
August	10	ACE ends
August	18	Pre-Orientation Check-in and CIM Kick-off (Mandatory)
August	21	KWEST begins (Optional)
August	27	KWEST ends (Optional)
August	28	Full-Time Program CIM begins ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
August	30	Full-Time Program CIM ends ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
August	31	MORS 430-0 begins ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
September	1	DECS 430-5 begins ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
September	4	Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)
September	11	PACT 440-5 Course Begins ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
September	14	DECS 430-5 Pre-Term Final Exam ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
September	15	MORS 430-0 Pre-Term Final Exam ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )
September	15	PACT 440-5 Pre-Term Final Exam ( <i>Specific Programs</i> )



## 4.2 American Culture and English Program (ACE)

ACE is a pre-term summer acculturation program specifically designed for incoming international 2Y MBA and MBAi students. The program focuses on familiarizing students with US cultural, social, and classroom norms so that they can be successful during their time at Kellogg. Many of the skills you will gain from ACE are important for participating in class, socializing, and for networking and recruiting in the US. In addition, ACE is a lot of fun and the program tuition is free! More information can be found [here](#). Also, if you have not received information about ACE via email and would like to learn more, please contact [globalexperience@kellogg.northwestern.edu](mailto:globalexperience@kellogg.northwestern.edu).

 When: Jul - Aug Category: Optional Who: MBAi, 2Y Cost: Free

**TASK 30 | ATTEND ACE:** Participate in the American Culture and English Program.

## 4.3 Culture is Made (CIM)

Established in 1969, Culture is Made (CIM) is a uniquely Kellogg experience to introduce incoming students to Kellogg's culture, values and life as a student. CIM is your student orientation. It is a mandatory onboarding experience that every incoming Kellogg student must participate in. It is the first official touchpoint you have with faculty, administration, 2nd year students, and your peers. All related information will be sent to you by email.

 When: Aug Category: Mandatory Who: 2Y/JDMBA/MMM/MDMBA/MBAi

**TASK 31 | ATTEND CIM:** Participate in Kellogg's mandatory onboarding experience.

## 4.4 Kellogg Worldwide Exploration Student Trips (KWEST)

Kellogg Worldwide Exploration Student Trips is the largest and one of the most popular global opportunities at Kellogg. KWEST is planned by students for students.



These optional, weeklong, non-academic trips start with a short period where students refrain from sharing some aspects of their backgrounds, so they can initially bond on a more personal level. Shortly thereafter, they celebrate learning about each other's full identities.

We've seen instances of business partners forming over KWEST trips, and graduating students mention KWEST as one of their favorite Kellogg experiences.

More information on recent destinations and participation stats can be found [here](#).

 When: Aug

 Category: Optional

 Who: Everyone

 Cost: Paid

#### 4.4.1 Traveling outside of the USA

International students & scholars in F-1 or J-1 status and their dependents need the following to leave and re-enter the U.S.

- Before traveling outside the U.S., verify that your travel signature endorsement on your I-20/ DS-2019 is still valid.** Travel signature endorsement is **valid for 12 months**. The easiest and fastest way to receive your I-20/ DS-2019 with travel signature is to **submit an I-20 or DS-2019 “Reprint Request”** or at the [OISS Portal](#) and indicate you need a travel signature.

Processing time is 5 business days, so make sure you submit your request in a timely manner.

Finally, print your updated I-20 with the travel signature from the “Documents” section of your OISS Portal. You will need to sign in ink in the student attestation section of the document. See below for travel signature validity information.

##### 4.4.1 Traveling Outside the US

 [F-1 and J-1 travel](#)

*Check this website for more information on traveling provided by the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISS)*

#### Travel Signature Endorsement and Validity

- Continuing F-1/J-1 Students/Scholars:** The signature on page 2 of the I-20 or on the bottom right corner of page 1 of the DS-2019 is valid for 12 months. If your re-entry date to the U.S. is within 12 months from the last signature, you will be eligible to re-enter on that I-20/DS-2019. However, a new travel signature is required if your I-20 or DS—2019 signature will be more than one year old by the time you re-enter the U.S.

- **Information for F-1 students on OPT/STEM OPT:** The signature on page 2 of the OPT I-20 is valid for 6 months from when it was signed. If your re-entry date is within 6 months from the last signature, you are eligible to re-enter on that I-20. However, a new travel signature is required if you re-enter after the 6-month time frame.
  - **Information for J-1 Short-term Scholars and J-1 Students on Academic Training:** Travel signatures are valid for 6 months or **until the end of the program, whichever is sooner.**
2. **Check your passport expiration.** To re-enter the U.S., a passport must be valid 6-months into the future from the next date of entry.
  3. **Don't forget your I-20/DS-2019 and passport.** When preparing to return to the U.S., be sure these documents are with your person on the plane -- you will need them before you have access to checked baggage to pass through passport control.
  4. **Check the CDC website** on International Travel to and from the United States for the latest update on the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for boarding a flight from a foreign country to the United States.



**TASK 32 | GO TO KWEST:** Participate in one of the Kellogg Worldwide Exploration Student Trips, the school's largest and most popular global opportunity.

## 4.5 Course Waivers

Students who have completed prior relevant coursework may consider waiving core courses. Waivers allow students to take more electives but do not reduce the total number of courses a student must take to obtain the degree. Waivers are obtained either by application or exam. Waiver exams can be taken only once, and the waiver must be obtained prior to attending the first class of the intended waived course. More information about **types of waivers, exams, applications, deadlines, and results** can be found [here](#).



**TASK 33 | WAIVE COURSES:** Apply for waiver of applicable core courses.

# 5. During Your MBA Program

## 5.1 Resources

As a new student, it is completely normal to feel overwhelmed by the abundance of information you'll receive from day one. This section is designed to assist you in navigating through this wealth of information and equipping you with effective organizational practices so that you can streamline your experience, make the most of your time at Kellogg, and most importantly don't miss out on important information or events.

### 5.1.1 Communication channels

At Kellogg, you'll likely receive an overwhelming number of emails and notifications from various sources, making it challenging to keep up. Below, we'll introduce you to the most **common communication channels** used around campus and provide **valuable tips** to help you enhance your communication experience by prioritizing important messages and streamlining your notifications.



#### Email (Outlook)

- **Address:** your school email address will look like *first.last@kellogg.northwestern.edu*
- **Purpose:** used for school official communication and recruiting interaction.
- **Recurring, highly relevant content:**

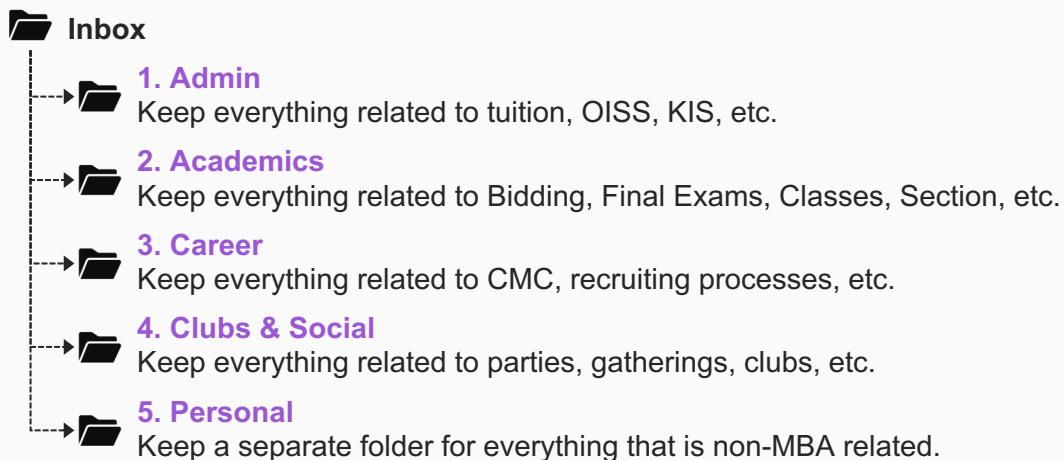
SUBJECT	SENDER	FREQUENCY
CMC Newsletter - Class of 20XX	CMC	Weekly
This Week at Kellogg	Office of Student Life	Weekly
OISS Student Newsletter	OISS	Twice a month
Final Exam Registration	Kellogg Academic Experience	Every quarter
[REGISTRATION] Countdown to Bidding	Kellogg Registrar	Throughout the quarter
AlertNU	Northwestern Alerts	Ad hoc



- Recurring, informative content:

SUBJECT	SENDER	FREQUENCY
Paw Print Newsletter	Northwestern Student Affairs	Weekly
Northwestern Now	Northwestern News	Twice a month
Northwestern Bookstore	External sender	Ad hoc

- **Organizing messages:** Using folders to organize your emails can be a great way to keep your inbox tidy and find important messages quickly and easily. Here's a suggestion on how to do it:



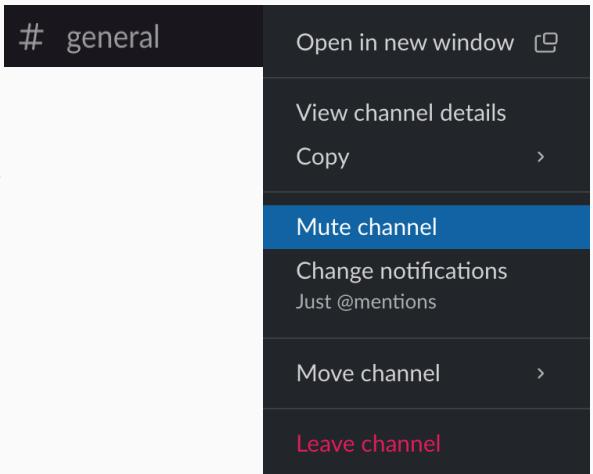
- **Purpose:** slack is a widely popular communication tool among students, providing a platform for efficient team collaboration, instant messaging, and file sharing.
- **Popular channels:** We highly recommend you follow some popular channels to stay connected and informed...

Academics	Informative	Useful
#1y_202X	#general	#marketplace
#2y_202X	#studentexperience_classof_202X	#tickets
#mbai_202X	#cmc_fulltime_classof_202X	
#jdmbsa_202X	#international_students_fulltime	
#mdmba_202X	#ksa-connect	
#yoursection_202X		#hot_takes



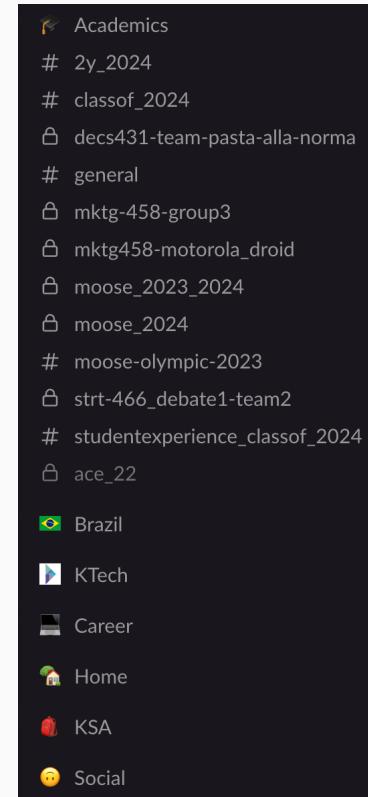
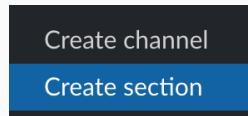
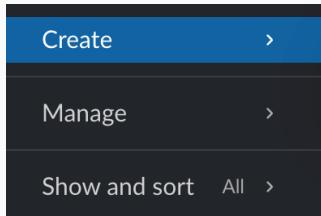
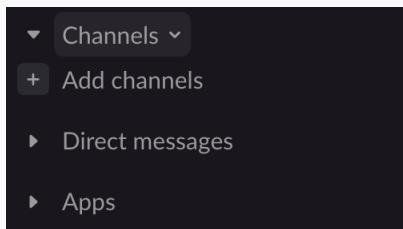
- **Notifications:** When your slack notifications become overwhelming, here is how to mute them...

1. Right-click on the channel
2. Select the option to **mute** it or...
3. Allow **just @mentions** notifications



- **Organizing channels:** Slack allows you to create sections, which help in organizing the hundreds of channels you join/be invited to. Here's how to...

1. Right-click on Channels
2. Select **Create** and then
3. Select **Create section**

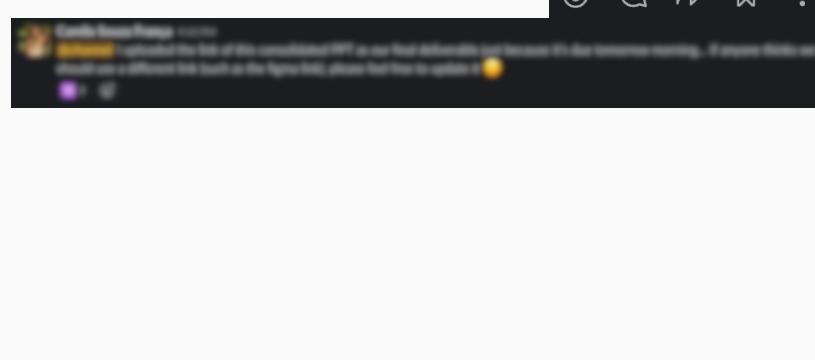
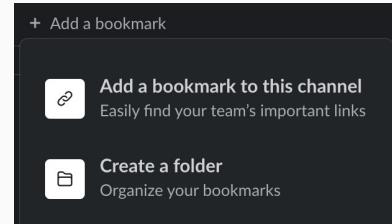


- **Pinning and Bookmarking:** Utilizing the pinning and bookmarking features in Slack can help you keep a channel organized by easily accessing and saving important messages, files, and discussions for future reference. Here's how to...

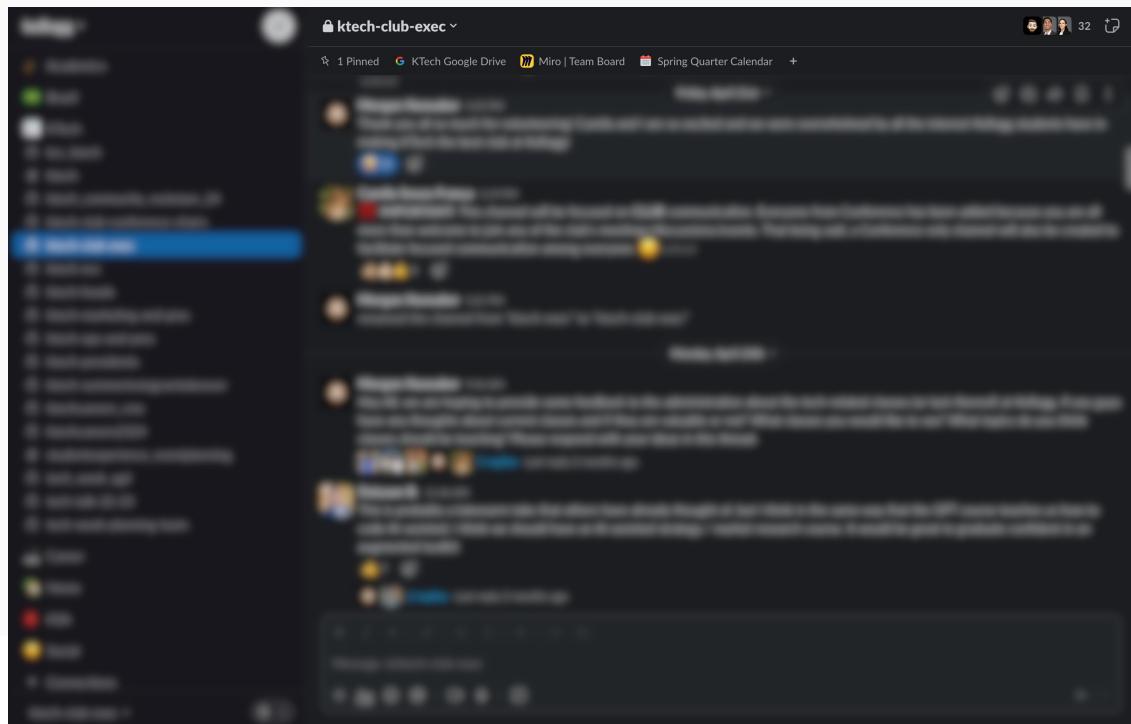
1. **Hover your mouse** on the channel name
2. You will see “**Add a bookmark**”
3. Select a **link** or **Create a folder**

*OR*

1. **Hover your mouse** on a specific message
2. Click on the three dots
3. Select **Pin to channel**



Pinned and bookmarked items will appear at the top of the channel...

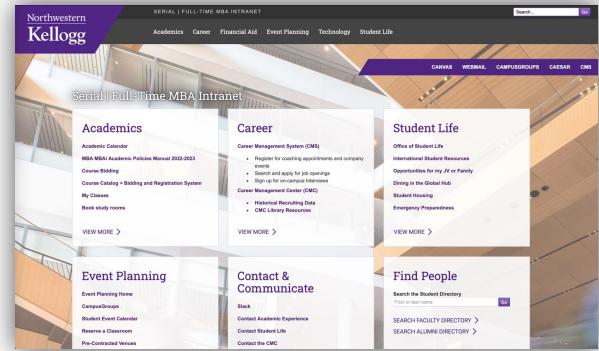


## 5.1.2 Applications

Kellogg offers a variety of applications to assist you in navigating your MBA journey, and below, you'll find a concise overview of the most popular ones.

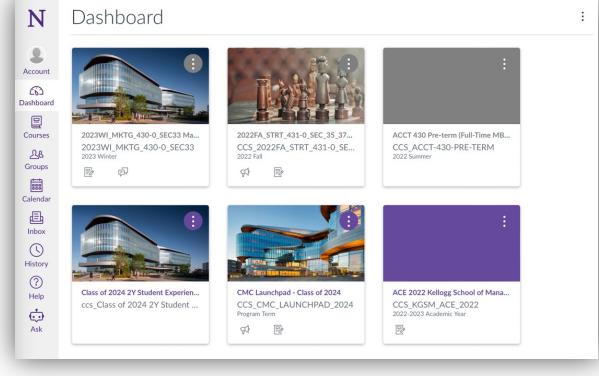
### Serial

- [Link](#)
- **What:** is the student intranet, a centralized online platform where Kellogg students can access essential resources, information, and interactive features to support their academic and extracurricular activities.



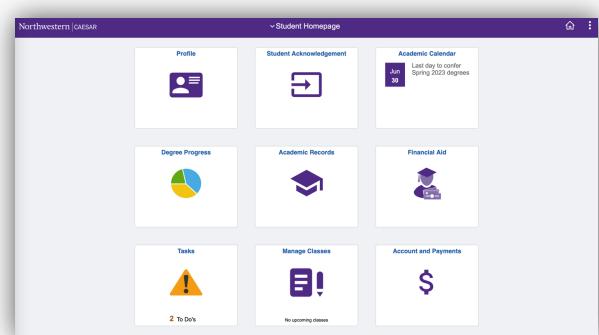
### Canvas

- [Link](#)
- **What:** online learning management system that provides a platform for accessing course materials, submitting assignments, engaging in discussions, and staying connected with faculty and peers.



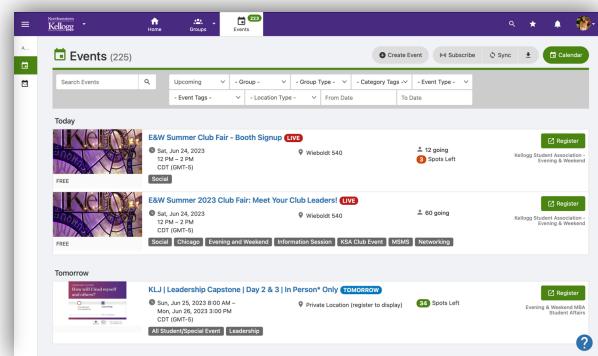
### Caesar

- [Link](#)
- **What:** is the student information system used by Kellogg, providing a centralized platform for managing academic records, registration, course enrollment, and accessing important student services and resources.



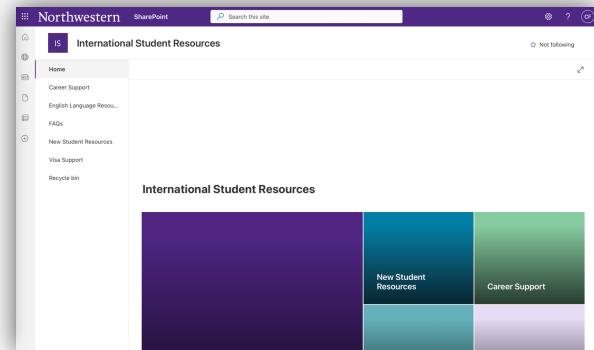
## CampusGroups

- [Link](#)
- **What:** comprehensive platform used by Kellogg for managing student organizations, events, and activities, providing a centralized hub for communication, collaboration, and engagement within the campus community.



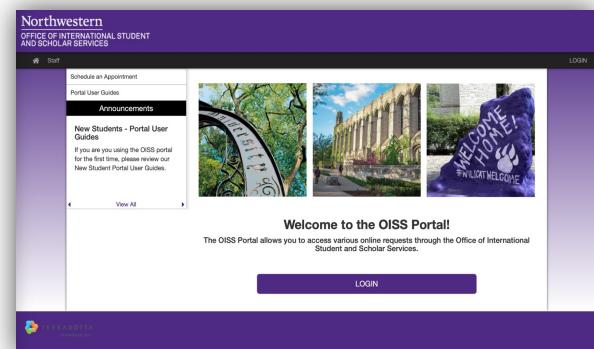
## International Student Resources

- [Link](#)
- **What:** dedicated platform that consolidates essential resources, information, and support services specifically tailored to meet the unique needs of international students at Kellogg, promoting their academic and personal success.



## OISS Portal

- [Link](#)
- **What:** The OISS portal allows you to submit requests for many benefits related to your F-1 or J-1 student status.



### 5.1.3 Contact information

It is essential to have your main contact points at Kellogg handy for quick reference and support throughout your journey. Here's a list of the most important ones.

SUPPORT SERVICE	EMAIL
<a href="#"><u>Academic Advising Team</u></a>	kellogg-advisor@kellogg.northwestern.edu
<a href="#"><u>Academic Experience</u></a>	academic-experience@kellogg.northwestern.edu
<a href="#"><u>Career Management Center</u></a>	cmc@kellogg.northwestern.edu
<a href="#"><u>Financial Aid Team</u></a>	finaid@kellogg.northwestern.edu
<a href="#"><u>International Student Advising Team</u></a>	international-advising@kellogg.northwestern.edu
<a href="#"><u>Kellogg Registrar</u></a>	kellogg-registrar@kellogg.northwestern.edu
<a href="#"><u>Student Life</u></a>	studentlife@kellogg.northwestern.edu



## 5.2 Facilities

The **Global Hub** is the vibrant heart of the Kellogg School of Management, where students from different programs come together to learn, collaborate, and grow. This state-of-the-art building, constructed in 2017, features modern architecture and cutting-edge facilities. It serves as a hub for innovative thinking and fosters a dynamic learning environment. With its prime location on Campus Drive in Evanston, Illinois, the Global Hub offers a centralized space for classes, meetings, events, and student activities. Below, you'll find some important information about the facilities inside the Global Hub.

### 5.2.1 Building access

Public hours for the Global Hub are 7 am-8 pm Monday – Friday; 7 am -5 pm Saturday (no front desk attendee on Saturday). The Global Hub is closed to the public on Sunday.

The Global Hub is accessible to Kellogg students, faculty and staff at any time using their [WildCard](#).

- **Finding Room Numbers inside the Global Hub:** Each room has a 4-digit number. The first digit indicates the floor (L=lower level, 1=first, 2=second, 3=third, 4=fourth, 5=fifth). The second digit indicates the quadrant (1-4). The third and fourth digits indicate the room number within the quadrant. The quadrants start counterclockwise from the KGH main entrance.

### 5.2 Facilities

#### [Global Hub Resources](#)

*This link will give you a comprehensive list of all the resources the Global Hub has to offer.*



## 5.2.2 Study and meeting spaces

- **Personal Study Spaces:** There are many casual spaces throughout the Global Hub where students can study individually or with a group. In addition, the Shannon Family Lounge at the end of the first-floor southwest wing (room #1440) provides a comfortable spot for quiet study, while the two second-floor lounges (room #2440 and room #2150) provide space for both study and conversation. There is an outdoor terrace that can be accessed in Room 2150.
- **Group Study Spaces:** Group study rooms are located near classrooms on the lower, first, and second floors. These rooms may be reserved via Outlook. After on-campus recruiting is completed, many of the CMC interview rooms on the second floor will also be available for group study.
- **Group Meeting Spaces:** In addition to group study rooms and casual meeting spaces, there is a Student Organization Room (L270) located near KIS and the coffee shop, which may be used for group meeting space. The Student Experience conference room (room #1391) may also be reserved via Outlook.
- **Social Activities:** Small seating groups for a coffee chat or private conversations are located throughout the building, and space is also available in the second-floor lounges (rooms #2440 and #2150). There is an outdoor terrace that can be accessed in Room 2150.

## 5.2.3 Computer and print centers

- **Computer Lab:** Kellogg students have access to a computer lab on the second floor (room #2415) at the top of the Spanish Steps.
- **Printing/Copying/Scanning:** KPRINT is Kellogg's print job release system that enables you to print, scan, copy, and fax from multi-function machines located in the Global Hub, Jacobs Center, 555 Clark, McManus, and Wieboldt Hall. Copiers/printers to print, copy, scan, and send are located throughout the lower level (room #L098), first floor (room #1135), and second floor (room #2412). Color printing and fax capability are in room #2412.

You will need your WildCard to release your job without manually entering your netid and password. More information on how to use the printer can be found [here](#).



## 5.2.4 Food and beverage options

- **Food Options:** Gordon's Marketplace provides a robust menu of food options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as grab and go items. Inspiring Grounds, Kellogg's coffee shop, offers a variety of coffee and tea drinks as well as grab and go food options. Additionally, snacks and beverages are available through vending machines on the lower level.
- **Water Fountains:** Water bottles may be filled at water fountains located throughout the building.
- **Refrigerator:** There is a student pantry on the lower level under the Spanish Stairs (L079).
- **Microwave:** There are microwaves located in the student pantry on the lower level as well as in the Marketplace.

## 5.2.5 Health and wellness

- **Exercise:** The Global Hub is located right along a lakeside running path. All students will also have access to the fitness center on the lower level of the Global Hub. It is open from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed Sundays. Additionally, Kellogg students have access to Northwestern's [Henry Crown Sports Pavilion](#), where basketball, swimming, squash, racquetball, tennis, group exercise, cycling, weightlifting, and general cardio and exercise-related activities are available.
- **Quiet Space for Reflection, Contemplation, or Prayer:** The Global Hub features a reflection room on the 2nd floor (room #2135) where community members can find quiet space for these purposes. The reflection room is open for general use and cannot be reserved.



## 5.2.6 Caregiving resources

If moving to a different country is undoubtedly a challenging endeavor, when it involves relocating with loved ones, the complexity and emotional weight can intensify. Whether you're seeking assistance with childcare, attending to the needs of a senior or adult relative, or simply looking to connect with others in similar situations, the school is dedicated to supporting you and your family every step of the way. A comprehensive list of caregiving resources, such as finding childcare, lactation support, parenting networks, senior & adult, workplace strategies, etc. can be found [here](#).



**TASK 34 | START YOUR MBA CLASSES:** You are now ready to begin your so anticipated academic journey at Kellogg!

## 5.3 Employment

When it comes to finding employment opportunities, the **Career Management Center (CMC)** and the **career clubs** are your greatest allies at Kellogg. In this chapter, we will dive into the bureaucratic aspects of recruiting that can have unique implications for international students.

### 5.2 Employment



[International Students Recruiting Guide](#)

*Make sure to check the International Students Recruiting Guide!*

#### 5.3.1 Taxes

All international students and scholars are required to file a U.S. (federal) tax return even if they do not have U.S. source income. A comprehensive guide related to tax filing can be found [here](#). Below you will find the main highlights.

- The tax year is from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. You file your tax return in the **spring of the following year (around April)**.
- Kellogg purchases **access codes** for NU international students and scholars to use [Sprintax](#) to complete, sign, and mail their required federal tax forms. In **late Feb – March, the OISS communicates via email** with all F-1 and J-1 students and scholars the access code to receive the discount for federal tax filing through Sprintax.



**TASK 35 | FILE YOUR TAXES:** Submit your tax files using the supporting resources provided by the OISS.

#### 5.3.2 Social security number (SSN)

A Social Security Number (SSN) is a unique nine-digit identification number assigned to individuals by the U.S. government for tax and other purposes. The primary purpose of an SSN is to track an individual's earnings and contributions to the Social Security system, which is a federal program.

The **social security card is required to work in the United States** and is issued by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA). A social security card is NOT a work permit.

Be aware that you can only get your SSN up to 30 days before employment begins. [Here](#) you can find everything you need to know about SSN and [how to apply](#) for one.



**TASK 36 | APPLY FOR A SSN:** Apply to get your Social Security Number.**5.3.2 How long did it take your SSN to arrive?**

**Student 1 perspective:** *"I found the SSN application quite straightforward. I booked an appointment with the Social Security Administration (SSA) Office in advance, via their website, and that helped me skip a long wait line. I was only asked for my online application number (which you get when you book your appointment), my passport and I-20. The person also asked me a short standard questionnaire before approving my SSN. The document arrived in my house by mail less than a week later."*

## 5.4 Social

Social life at Kellogg is an integral part of the MBA experience, and it's normal to occasionally feel the fear of missing out (FOMO) when there are so many exciting events and activities happening on campus. Don't worry, though! Embrace the FOMO, learn to say no, and make the most of your time here. Below, you will find a list of regional clubs that can help you feel closer to home and connect with students with similar backgrounds and interests. Get ready to create unforgettable memories and build lifelong friendships at Kellogg!

### 5.4.1 Regional clubs

NAME	CLUB EMAIL	INSTAGRAM
<a href="#">Africa Business Club</a>	abc@kellogg.northwestern.edu	@kellog_abc
<a href="#">Anzooma</a>	n/a	n/a
<a href="#">Canada Club</a>	n/a	n/a
<a href="#">European Business Club</a>	ebc-club@kellogg.northwestern.edu	@ebckellogg
<a href="#">Greater China Club</a>	gcc-club@kellogg.northwestern.edu	@gcckellogg
<a href="#">Japan Club</a>	n/a	@kellogg_japanclub
<a href="#">K-Latam</a>	n/a	@kellogglatamclub
<a href="#">Korean Business Club</a>	kbckellogg@gmail.com	n/a
<a href="#">Middle East North Africa (MENA)</a>	mena-club@kellogg.northwestern.edu	@kellogg_menaclub
<a href="#">Mosaic</a>	n/a	@kelloggmosaic18
<a href="#">South Asia Club</a>	n/a	@kellogg_ksac
<a href="#">Southeast Asia Club</a>	n/a	@seaofkellogg
<a href="#">Taiwan club</a>	n/a	n/a

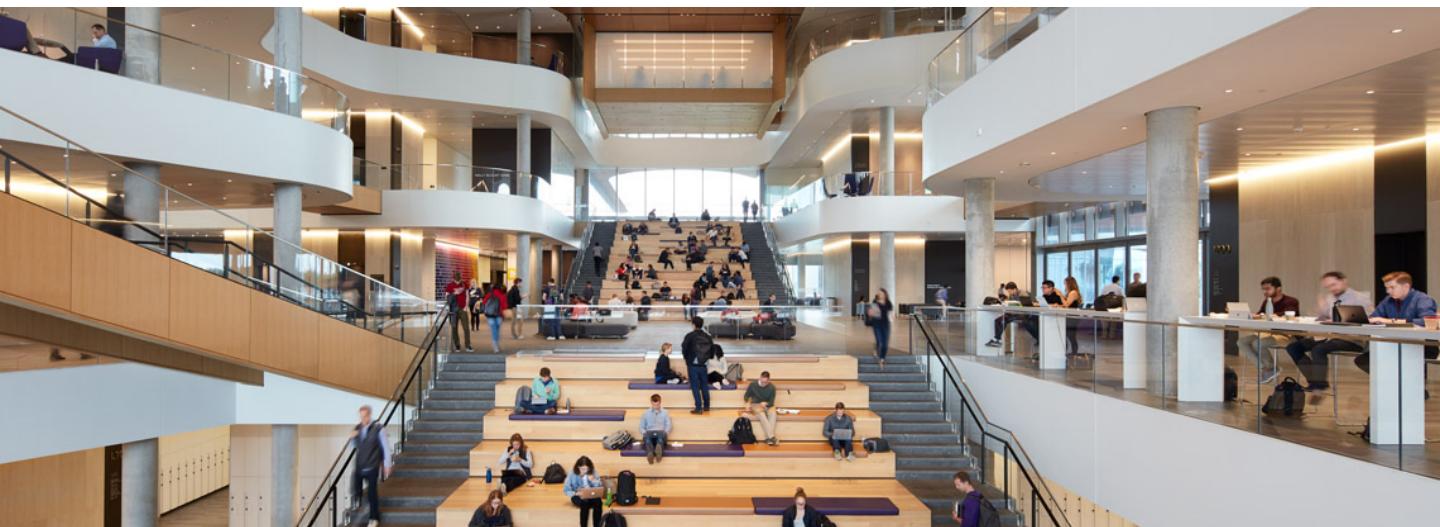


## Feedback

We sincerely hope that this guide has equipped you with valuable insights to navigate your MBA journey as an international student. Your feedback is highly valuable to us as we strive to enhance this document further. We kindly request you to take a moment to share your thoughts and suggestions through a brief [survey](#). We greatly appreciate your input in making this resource even more valuable for future students.



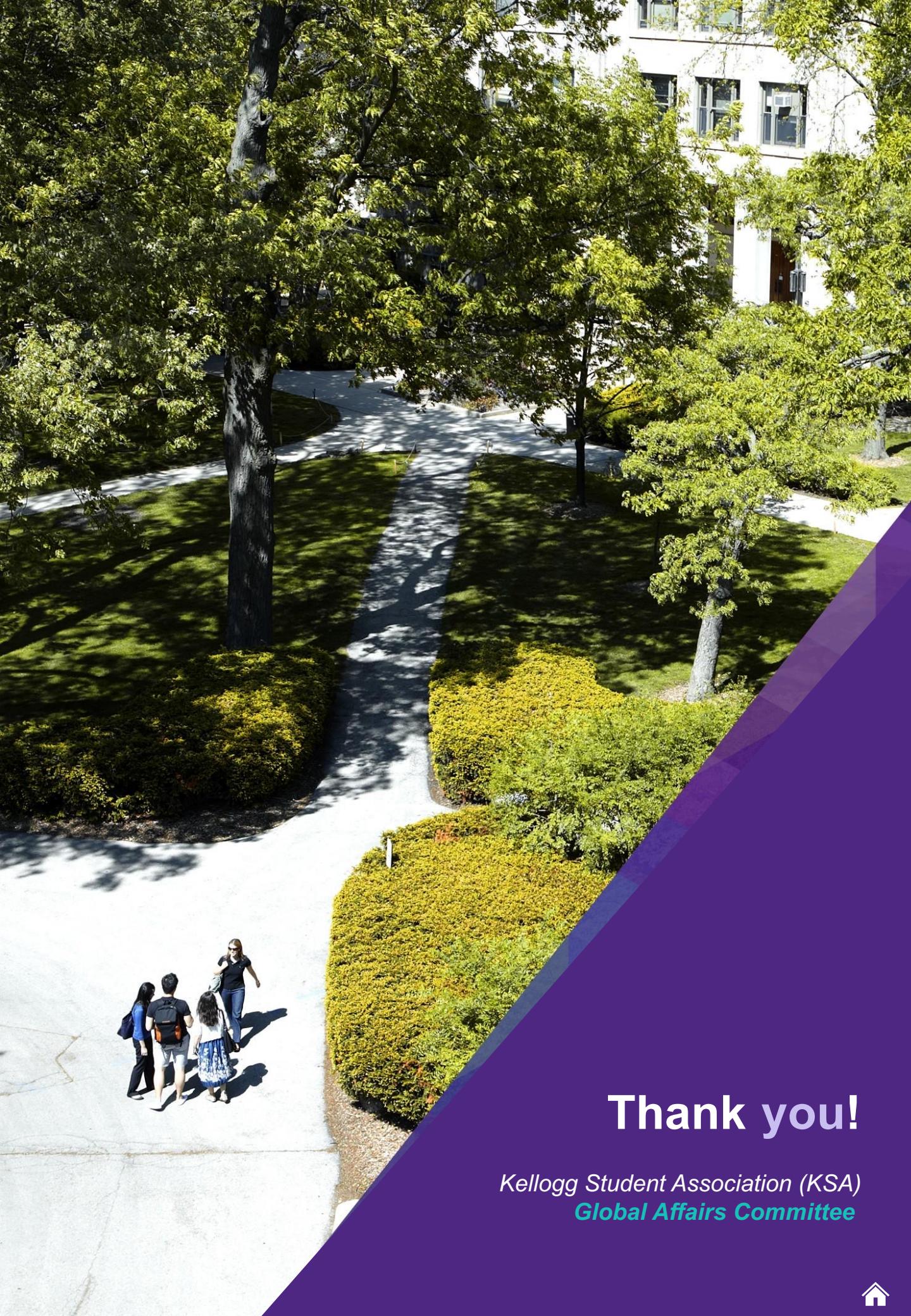
*We would love to hear your **feedback!***



*As you navigate the vibrant tapestry of cultures, seize the boundless opportunities, and embrace the challenges that come your way, remember that your journey as an international student at Kellogg is a testament to your courage, resilience, and global mindset. Embrace the richness of this experience, forge lifelong connections across borders, and let your diverse perspectives shape a brighter future. Enjoy the ride!*

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# Thank you!

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