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1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Directorate of Student Affairs (DoSA) of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi-Ghana, is mandated to provide the necessary welfare support services to all students, including international students. It offers a one-stop-shop for all student issues and all students are encouraged to access the services of the Office when required.

The Location of the Office

The Office of the Directorate of Student Affairs is located in the J. Harper Building, Commercial Area, KNUST, and it is directly opposite Kojo Botsio Building.

The J. Harper Building, also called Student Integration Centre, houses the Offices of the Director of Student Affairs, Student Affairs and Financial Services, KNUST Counselling Centre, the Protestant Chaplaincy and Ghana Immigration Service – KNUST Office.

N/B: See the last page for a directional map to the office.

2. ARRIVAL IN GHANA

It is advisable to arrive in Ghana at least three days before the reopening date or latest within three days after reopening. This will enable you to receive the necessary support at the point of arrival, settle in and undertake all the necessary registration, and orientation.

3. SUPPORT FOR ARRIVAL IN GHANA

The University has set up a Help Desk at the Kotoka International Airport's (KIA) Arrival Hall to help and guide all International Students of KNUST and their families to travel safely to Kumasi from **13th January to 18th January 2023**.

At the airport, locate the KNUST Help Desk at the Arrival Hall and seek the necessary assistance from the officials.

The phone numbers at the Help Desk are:

- a. +233 20 824 4000 (*DoSA Office Line - temporary line for the assignment*)
- b. +233 20 780 9585 (*SSFS-DoSA – temporary line for the assignment*)



Other relevant and helpful phone numbers for International Students Only includes:

No	Telephone Number	Name	Designation
1	054 992 2820	Mr. Ernest Karikari	Staff, Office of the Directorate of Student Affairs
2	020 780 9585	Mr. Nana Kofi Owusu Afriyie	Staff, Office of the Directorate of Student Affairs
3	055 908 5464	Mr. Akere Tamo Bill	President, International Students' Association
4	+232 76 993041	Mr. Charles Amara Jukpa Ngombu	Coordinator, Postgraduate International Students
5	024 446 5075	Mr. Maxwell Agyemang	Deputy Registrar and Head of KNUST Accra Office

4. TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO KNUST CAMPUS

Transportation by Road (KIA to KNUST Campus)

No	ITEM	Estimated Cost (GHS)
1	Average Cost; for Taxi, or Uber/Bolt – From KIA to VIP or STC Station in Accra	80
2	Average Cost; V.I.P (luggage cost inclusive) & S.T.C (Luggage Cost inclusive) approximate	150 (per person)
3	Alight at Tech Junction. Pick KNUST Embossed Taxi to KNUST Campus GUSSS Hostel (aka Brunei)	35
	TOTAL	265
	NB: Estimated USD: Total transportation cost from Kotoka to KNUST campus (estimate – 30.1 usd)	

Transportation by Air (KIA to Kumasi International Airport to KNUST Campus)

For students and families who decide to travel to Kumasi by Air, kindly take note of the following:

No	ITEM	Estimated Cost (GHS)
1	African World Airlines (AWA), Flexi Economy, Super Flexi Passion Airlines, including 50kg luggage	850 (per person)
2	Cost of transportation from the airport to campus	80
	TOTAL	930
	NB: Estimated USD: Total transportation cost from Kotoka to KNUST campus (105.6 usd)	

Kindly note that the University would station a bus at Kumasi Airport to assist in transporting students to Campus. When you miss a scheduled bus, you can always pick a taxi to campus, ***specifically to the GUSSS Hostel.***

5. ACCOMMODATION

Rooms are reserved for first-year International Students at the GUSSS Hostel (commonly known as Brunei). If you are unable to secure a room online before arrival, get to the main reception of GUSSS Hostel and show your admission letter to prove that you are an international student duly admitted to study at the University. You will be assisted to secure a very decent accommodation/room in a conducive and academic friendly hostel, with students from different parts of the world including Ghanaian students.

For further enquiries kindly call:

- a. +23324 356 6586
- b. +23320 812 1626



6. PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES

The following are the recommended means of payment of school fees by International Students:

Bank Name: GHANA COMMERCIAL BANK LTD Account Name: KNUST FOREX ACCOUNT Account No.: 6031620000208 Swift Code: GHCBGHAC	UBA KNUST MAIN COLLECTION A/C A/C NO: 02008315903213 SWIFT CODE: STBGHAC
ECOBANK A/C NO: 0211014402813701 NAME: KNUST FOREIGN STUDENTS USD COLLECTION ACCOUNT SWIFT CODE: ECOCGHAC	GHANA INT. COMM. BANK A/C NO: USD 4158-01-0001198102 A/C NO: GBP 4056-01-0001198101

NOTE:

Fees must be paid in full at the beginning of the semester to only the recommended accounts **and not to any individual.**

For more information on the fees:

<https://www.knust.edu.gh/sites/default/files/2022-12/INTL.%20FRESH.pdf>



7. COST OF LIVING FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

No	ITEM	Estimated Cost (GHS)
1	Basic Life Students go to the local market and prepare their own meals or purchase from roadside vendors Breakfast, Lunch, Supper	Average Cost Ghs50*30=1,500 per month Breakfast = ghs 10.00 Lunch & Supper = Ghs 20.00 each
2	Standard Life Student orders food from regular student Restaurant Breakfast, Lunch, Supper	Average Cost Ghs75*30=2,250 per month Breakfast = ghs 15.00 Lunch & Supper = ghs 30.00 each
3	Premium/Luxury Student orders food from student Restaurant Breakfast, Lunch, Supper	Average Cost Ghs120*30=3,600 per month Breakfast = ghs 30.00
Lunch & Supper = ghs 45.00 each	NB. 1 cedi = 8.80 usd Dec, 2022 Basic (170.5 usd) monthly Standard (255.7 usd) monthly Premium (408.9 usd) monthly	

Note: Recommended Personal Allowance to be given to the student for the Semester is **\$ 2500**

8. REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN STUDENT RESIDENT PERMIT & PERMIT RENEWAL

- Kindly note that all International Students are required to have **two** permits from the Government of Ghana, represented by the National Identification Authority (NIA) and the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) to regularise their stay in Ghana and on the KNUST Campus.
- The Government of Ghana issues **the Non-Resident Card** (ECOWAS Card) and the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) issues **the Resident Permit**.
- Obtaining a **NEW** Non-Resident Card (ECOWAS Card) costs the cedi equivalent of **USD 120.00**, and students are expected to **renew** the Card **every year** at the cedi equivalent of **USD 60.00** until the completion of their programme of study.
- Kindly note that KNUST Students are expected to pay this money **ONLY** at the Calbank KNUST Branch or at Calbank Nhyieso Branch.
- After paying and acquiring the Non-Resident Card (ECOWAS Card), students would have to proceed to the Ghana Immigration Service, KNUST Office within the J. Harper Building, Commercial Area, to pick up forms for application **for Resident Permit**.

- f. The following documents will be required as you complete the Resident Permit forms:
 - i. Copy of your admission letter
 - ii. Proof of Payment of Fees
 - iii. One passport picture, recently taken, on a white background.
- g. Kindly Note that:
 - i. The cost of the Non-Resident Card (ECOWAS Card) of **USD 120.00**, and its yearly renewal fee of **USD 60.00, is not part of the Tuition Fees** for your programme
 - ii. The cost of the **Resident Permit** and its **yearly** renewal fee is however included in the overall fees.
 - iii. Resident Permits are re-issued yearly and are expected to be renewed **before their expiration dates**.
 - a. Students will be charged with penalties per month if Resident Permit expires before its renewal. The University **will not pay the penalties** for the renewal of expired permits.
 - iv. If you are receiving a scholarship, please attach a letter from your scholarship provider confirming your status. (It should be addressed to the **Senior Assistant Registrar, Students Support and Financial Service Office, Office of the Directorate of Student Affairs, KNUST, Kumasi**)
 - v. Make sure you have **done both** biometric and course **registration** before submitting all the above documents.

9. SECURITY ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Your security, as an International Student, is among the university's top priorities. You will be adequately briefed on all the security measures outlined for your safety by a team of experts from the KNUST Security Services and the Ghana Police Service, KNUST Command. Meanwhile, kindly take note of the following:

- i. At the airport, locate the KNUST Help Desk at the Arrival Hall and inform them whether you are travelling to Kumasi by road or by air. The Officers at the Help Desk will guide and assist you with the relevant information for your trip.
- ii. When you arrive and alight at Tech Junction, kindly pick or join **KNUST embossed Taxi ONLY to campus**.
- iii. Be mindful of the people that will handle your luggage. Do not entrust your luggage into the hands of people you do not know.
- iv. Be rest assured that security officers will be stationed at the taxi rank to ensure the security of all our students.
- v. Meanwhile **remember that your security is also your responsibility**. Stay alert!

PLEASE NOTE

Be informed that KNUST is delighted to receive you and will work with you to make your stay and study in the University very comfortable to the best of our abilities.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the BEST UNIVERSITY IN GHANA per the US News and World Report for 2020 and 2021.

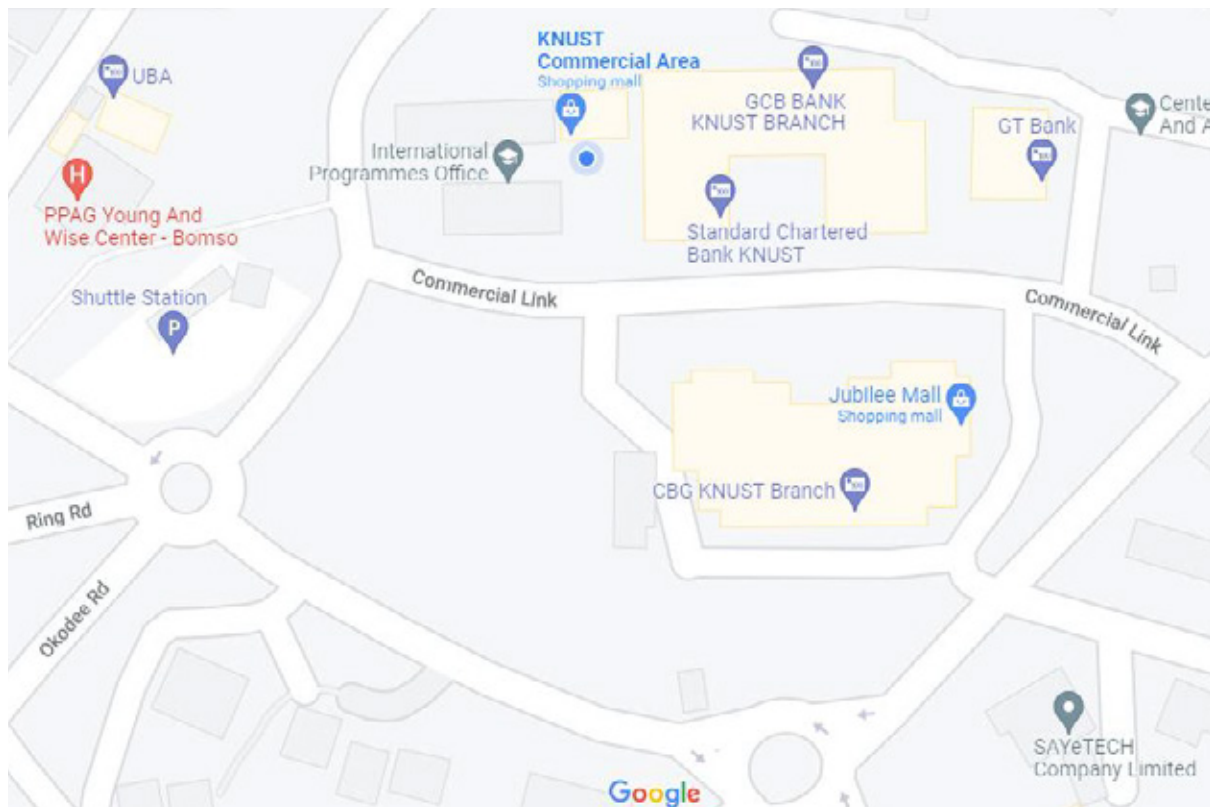
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