

Dear Students,

Congratulations on your acceptance to KGI! We hope your summer has been going well despite these uncertain times. Below is important information regarding onboarding from Academic Affairs and on-campus housing from Oasis KGI Commons.

Academic Affairs

We are so excited that you will be joining us in the fall. As orientation approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of upcoming updates in the Sakai Student Portal. A new tab will soon be added to your student portal titled, "2020 Keck Start" which is a selection of resources aimed at setting you up for success in the fall. This tab will allow you to complete the summer academic overview. Keck Start is comprised of two parts – the Summer Ramp Up and Academic Prologue.

Summer Ramp Up

In the “Resources” tab in Sakai you will find resources to help you prepare for the academic year. The Ramp Up includes a series of tutorials and a mandatory **series of self-assessments** to make sure everyone starts with the same set of basic skills in math, statistics, biology, chemistry, and finance, and there are also refreshers for physics (MEng and MSMDE programs) and tutorials for common programs used at KGI, such as Microsoft Office and Google tools. The purpose of these is to:

- Help you evaluate your strengths and weaknesses in prerequisite material
- Familiarize you with Sakai, a learning tool you will use throughout your time at KGI
- Prepare you for the placement exams during the Academic Prologue
- Give your professors an understanding of class proficiency in certain topic areas

Additionally, you will find self-assessments and resources to support your academic success including study skills, time management, and more. The materials were curated by students to support incoming students, and also includes tutorials for commonly used technology used on campus in addition to a refresher of “need to know” academic content.

Academic Prologue

The Academic Prologue is part of orientation activities and will take place August 21-20, 2020. The Academic Prologue is an opportunity to register for courses, participate in program and career development workshops, and work with your peers and faculty on a project to gain a deeper understanding of expectations and types of projects you will be doing in your program. More information and a detailed schedule will be shared later in the summer.

NOTE: The assessments in the Ramp Up will NOT affect your grades or course placement in any way. However, there will be two assessments during the Academic Prologue: a quantitative skills assessment and a writing assessment. The results will determine your placement into specific courses to improve your skills in those areas.

If you have any questions about these programs please contact admissions@kji.edu. If you have trouble accessing Sakai or have not been able to set up your student email



account please contact helpdesk@kgi.edu.

Oasis KGI Commons

Oasis KGI Commons is quickly filling up! We are located right on campus, just steps away from your classes and labs! If you're still looking for a place to call your home, join the upcoming information sessions to learn about our community, the application process, and availability.

- Tuesdays at 11am
- Thursdays at 6pm

Below is the meeting information:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93847556260?pwd=YWRSZDNJenlGN29ROXA3eWFMK3Uzd09>

Meeting ID: 938 4755 6260

Password: 111Oasis

We hope you are having a terrific summer and look forward to having you on campus for orientation soon!

Kind regards,

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Jane Rosenthal, Assistant Dean, the Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences

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