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Young Scholars Student Handbook

Young Scholars Program Coordinator

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Program Overview

The purpose of the King's College Young Scholars Program is to orient talented local high school students to the college environment and provide each student with an extensive, challenging experience in an academic discipline(s). As part of the program, Young Scholars attend and participate in courses alongside King's College undergraduates, and all students will be assessed and evaluated as traditional undergraduate students. Upon successful completion of the program and all coursework included, you may request official copies of your King's College transcript outlining courses completed and grades earned. When applying for full-time undergraduate study, either at King's or another institution, you will be required to submit all secondary and post-secondary academic transcripts, which includes the transcript you will receive upon completing the Young Scholars Program. As such, it is imperative all Young Scholars take coursework seriously and relay concerns to an advisor or professor immediately.

The College also offers a limited number of classes via Distance Education for students who live outside the local area. These classes are offered via videoconferencing through high schools, so students would need to check with their high schools to see if they have the capability to receive a class via videoconferencing.

Gifted high school seniors, and in some instances, juniors, may take up to six (6) credits per semester at \$183 per class (\$61 per credit) in first-year or introductory-level courses during the academic year (fall and spring) and in the summer. Additionally, there is a parking fee of \$20 per semester. In certain cases, a grant may cover the Young Scholar program fees. This can include the fee for the course, textbook(s), and parking. In these cases, students are emailed a gift card to the King's College Bookstore to cover the cost of the textbook(s) for the course.

King's faculty and staff: If your student is interested in participating in the Young Scholars Program, please have them register and then reach out to Young Scholars Program Coordinator for more information.

Course Selection and Registration

Young Scholars are eligible to register for up to two (2) courses per semester. Courses must be chosen from the list of approved Young Scholar courses. The registration form and pre-approved list of Young Scholars courses for the selected term may be found online at kings.edu/admissions/young_scholars.

- I. To qualify for the program, high school seniors should be in the top 20% of their class and juniors in the top 10% of their class. School Counselors are permitted to submit recommendations for students who do not meet the above criteria. The recommendations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by King's College Office of Admission and the High School's Counseling Office.
- II. A high school student attends King's College (in-person or online) with approval from their high school counseling office. The school counseling/guidance office will confirm the mode of transportation students will use. Students are enrolled in a college level course taught by a King's faculty member(s) and only gets the college credit (no high school credit toward graduation obtained). Please note, enrollment in a specific course is not guaranteed.

- III. Students need to complete the registration form by the deadline posted on the webpage provided (provide one or two class selections, three alternatives). We assign classes on a first come, first serve basis. The last day we can accept a late registration is also posted on the webpage.
- IV. Request your transcript be sent by your school counselor to the Young Scholars Program Coordinator.
- V. Your class schedule will be emailed by the date listed on the webpage. Your school counseling office will also receive your schedule via email.
- VI. A few weeks later, you will get an email with the following details: Parking, Student ID, and Orientation Date.

FERPA requirements also do not permit anyone other than the student to register for courses; therefore, parents cannot register for courses on their students' behalf.

Please contact the Young Scholars Program Coordinator with any questions related to course enrollment.

Academic Policies

Academic Calendar

Young Scholars are subject to the same academic calendar, deadlines, and policies as other King's undergraduate students. Academic calendars be found at kings.edu/calendar and by filtering "Academic Calendar."

Academic Standing

All Young Scholars must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their course(s) to be in good academic standing with the College. Young Scholars must have a minimum of a year-to-date GPA of a 3.0 to re-register for classes.

King's College has an academic alert system in which professors can submit deficiency reports and other alerts to the designated Young Scholar advisor in the Office of Admission. This information is emailed to the student's School Counselor for follow-up.

Academic Integrity

All students are required to abide by all King's College policies, including the Academic Integrity Policy. The policy may be found in the Student Handbook at kings.edu/handbook.

Grading System

Final grades are given in all credit courses upon the completion of the course. Grading symbols are assigned the following numerical values:

- A** = 4.00 grade points per credit hour.
- A-** = 3.67 grade points per credit hour.
- B+** = 3.33 grade points per credit hour.
- B** = 3.00 grade points per credit hour.

- B-** = 2.67 grade points per credit hour.
- C+** = 2.33 grade points per credit hour.
- C** = 2.00 grade points per credit hour.
- C-** = 1.67 grade points per credit hour.
- D** = 1.00 grade points per credit hour.
- F** = 0.00 grade points per credit hour.

The following symbols are also used to indicate irregular grades:

IN* = Incomplete: given in the case when extraordinary circumstances prevent a student from completing a course, such as a sudden illness. The majority of the course must be completed prior to the assignment of the "IN" grade. *(The course must be completed by the mid-term report date of the following semester at the latest, or it becomes an "F.")

IP = In progress: used for courses that legitimately extend beyond one semester, such as research or independent study courses. Completion is indicated by one of the regular grades reported in the following semester and credit is received at that time.

P = Pass

W = Approved withdrawal

AU = Audited course: 0.00 grade points per credit hour

AW = Administrative withdrawal

W* = Approved withdrawal from a Pass/Fail course

Credits and Credit System

At King's College, credit is measured in "credit hours." One credit hour is constituted by a minimum of three class work hours, where a class hour is defined as 50 minutes. Generally, this includes one hour of direct instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week during the fifteen-week semester. Courses at King's College are three semester hours, or, in other words, three credits. Credit is accepted in transfer for those courses in which the student has received the equivalent of a "C" grade or better and the course is applicable to the student's degree program at King's. The grades secured at another college or university are not included in either the general average or the qualitative average for the student's work at King's College.

Failures and Academic Grievances

An "F" grade remains on the permanent record and is reproduced on all transcripts. The student who fails to receive a passing grade in a course may secure credit for that course only by repeating it and passing it. There is no second examination in any subject. Only a teacher of a course can give a grade in that course. Only the teacher of a course can change a recorded grade, with the approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Students shall have the opportunity to review any of their grades.

Students may initiate this action by a request to the teacher, after they have received the official grade report. This action must be taken by the middle of the semester following the issuing of the grade.

FERPA Policy

As stated by Federal law, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), protects the privacy of student educational records. Students in the Young Scholars Program are protected under FERPA policies. Parents/guardians do not have access to a student's progress reports, grades, assignments, coursework, or college instructors, and King's does not provide parent conferences. Instructors are under no obligation to speak to parents. FERPA requirements also do not permit anyone other than the student to register for courses; therefore, parents cannot register for courses on their students' behalf. The FERPA Policy can be found in the [King's College Student Handbook](#).

Final Examinations

No students shall be excused from a final examination in a course where such an examination is required. In exceptional instances, such as serious illness or injury, students may be allowed to postpone the examination with the approval of the instructor.

Inclement Weather and Compressed Schedules

In the event of inclement weather, kings.edu/snowline will be updated to reflect the status of the King's schedule. Students will also be notified with updates, usually by text, from the College through the Emergency Notification System. College-wide emails will additionally be sent if courses are cancelled or delayed.

Transcripts

All grades earned will be part of their official King's College transcripts, including failing grades and withdrawals. An official transcript of a student's academic record is available from the Registrar. To request a transcript, follow instructions outlined on the [Registrar's webpage](#).

Tuition and Billing

The Young Scholars courses have a rate of \$183 per class (\$61 per credit). Course tuition and fees are billed by mail to the home address on file. In the event that a grant covers the Young Scholar program fees, the students affected will not be charged for the fees.

Academic Resources

Academic Skills Center

The Academic Skills Center, located on the first floor of the Mulligan Building, provides an array of no-fee services including peer tutoring, learning strategy workshops and testing center support, and accessibility, accommodations, and disability services. For more details and to schedule an appointment with staff, visit kings.edu/academics/success.

Instructor Office Hours

All instructors are required to hold weekly office hours in which students may drop in with questions or concerns. Should the stated office hours not fall within your range of availability, please email your

instructor for alternate meeting times or to schedule an appointment. Instructors have an open-door policy as well. If their office door is open, you are welcome to drop in.

Moodle

Moodle is a learning support system utilized by courses which provides additional readings, discussion boards, videos, or resources applicable to coursework. You can log in to your Moodle account at moodle.kings.edu using your King's email credentials. The student Moodle guide can be found on the [IITS Learning Hub](#). Questions can be directed by email to moodle@kings.edu.

Writing Center

The Writing Center, located on the first floor of the Mulligan Building, provides writing support, guidance, and feedback to students at any stage of the writing process. These services have no fee, and no appointment is needed. Students can simply drop in during operating hours. For updated hours and more information visit kings.edu/academics/success.

Campus Resources

Bookstore

The King's College Bookstore, also known as Monarch Outfitters and Books, is located at 149 North Main Street across from Scandlon Gym and generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Textbooks are not available in store but can be ordered online and picked up. Please visit kings.ecampus.com for updated hours and to browse textbooks, apparel, and merchandise.

Campus Map

The College's campus map can be viewed at kings.edu/campusmap. The map can help locate best places to park, academic buildings, Hessel Hall (admission), and the Campus Center.

Campus Safety & Security

The Office of Campus Safety and Security endeavors to provide a safe campus environment, comprised of personnel who patrol the campus and neighborhood. Nonetheless, you must always take reasonable precautions. Students are expected to take advantage of the resources provided by the College. We want you to have a safe and happy experience at King's. The Office of Campus Safety and Security is located on Main Street in Ryan Hall. In case of an emergency, you can contact a security officer on duty by calling "0" from any on-campus extension, activate an emergency call box, go to the College Switchboard located in the Library, or dial "9-1-1" for Wilkes-Barre City Police or Fire response. For non-emergencies, call Switchboard at (570) 208-5900.

CampusShield

King's College uses **CampusShield** as our emergency notification provider. With CampusShield, you can receive and report emergencies with just a few taps or swipes on your smartphone.

Emergency Notification System

The Emergency Notification System (ENS) provides notifications via text, email, or voice call on emergencies ranging from weather delays, emergency weather incidents, suspicious activity, and more.

Students should sign up to stay informed and sign up with their King's email address. Parents can sign up to receive all emergency notifications by creating an account at my.kings.edu under [Campus Safety resources](#).

King's Email

All Young Scholars are required to obtain and regularly check a King's email account while in the program. This email address is where all official correspondence from the College will be sent (including billing statements and course communication). [Instructions on logging in for first time users can be found on the IITS Learning Hub](#).

King's Student ID

A King's Student ID is the College's official identification card. It is required to gain access to campus buildings, including the library. All Young Scholars are required to obtain a King's Student ID unless the course(s) are being taken is online. Young Scholars will receive an email to submit their photo for their King's Student ID, which allows them to receive the ID Card during orientation. Young Scholars can also stop in Hessel Hall where Admission staff can take you to the Residence Life suite in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center for one to be printed.

IITS

The King's College IITS Help Desk is located on the third floor of the McGowan School of Business. The Help Desk can be reached by phone at (570) 208-4357, by email at help@kings.edu, and by stopping by in person. IITS is the College resource for all information technology and electronic matters. King's College IITS is also available for any Young Scholars taking a course remotely. Learn more at help.kings.edu.

Library

The D. Leonard Corgan Library is open to Young Scholars with 24/7 swipe access. Study rooms are first-come, first-served. The College Switchboard is also located in the Corgan Library.

MyKing's

MyKing's allows students to access a variety of information and self-service, which can be accessed at my.kings.edu.

Wi-Fi

Students can access campus Wi-Fi while on campus. There are two networks students can connect to: "KC" and "Kings." Both are networks for students will prompt you to log in with your King's email credentials. If ever prompted to use Multi-Factor Authentication for a login, [directions can be found on the IITS Learning Hub](#).

Scandlon Physical Education Center/ Intermetro Wellness Center

The facilities inside the Scandlon Physical Education Center are open to Young Scholars students during hours of operation. Hours of operation can be found at kingscollegeathletics.com under Inside Athletics and Scandlon Gym Hours.

Undergraduate Admission

The Office of Admission handles all campus tours and visits. To register for a campus visit and or an upcoming event, visit kings.edu/admissions. The Office of Admission can be reached by email at admissions@kings.edu or by phone at (570) 208-5858. Young Scholars are encouraged to visit us in Hessel Hall at any time for assistance, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The College reserves the right to adopt any additional rules and regulations that it deems necessary in relation to the Young Scholars Program.