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International Student Arrival Guide

Students arriving at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) or in Nairobi Central Business District (CBD) can reach Murang'a University of Technology by road in about 1.5–2 hours (approx. 85 km). The university is located in Murang'a Town at coordinates 0.7206° S, 37.1473° E. Below is a structured Arrival Guide and Pre-Arrival Pack tailored for international students.

- **From JKIA/Nairobi CBD to Murang'a Town (85 km, ~1h 30m–2h):**
 - **Private Taxi/Shuttle:** Available at JKIA; cost ranges \$77–\$116 USD depending on vehicle type.
 - **Public Transport:** Take a taxi/Uber to Nairobi CBD, then board a bus/matatu to Murang'a (fare approx. \$3–\$4.60 USD).
 - **Driving Route:** JKIA/CBD → Thika Superhighway → Thika Town → Murang'a Town.

Arrival Procedures

- Report to the **International Students Office** under the Directorate of Linkages, Outreach and Partnerships (LOP).
- Present admission letter, passport, visa/permit, and proof of health insurance.
- Orientation and onboarding are coordinated jointly with the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies.

Accommodation

The University accommodates willing students in its Hostels which have shared facilities. Accommodation can be arranged in our student's hostels on campus at a cost of \$15 USD per month. However, there is an option of living in off-campus Hostels (some with shared facilities and others self-contained). The cost for off campus hostels ranges \$36 – \$88 USD



per month. Serviced private apartments are also available. Kindly let us know your preference so that we can make a reservation for you.

Immigration Requirements

You will need to apply for a **Single-Entry visa**, with “visit” indicated as the reason for travel. When completing the application, specify that you are visiting a firm and list the University as your host. For the invitation letter, attach your IAESTE acceptance documents. The visa is applied for online through www.ecitizen.go.ke, and the fee is **\$51** for a 90-day e-visa. This document must be presented to Immigration Officers at the airport upon arrival. Once you enter Kenya, request that your visa stamp be issued for at least two months.

In addition to the e-visa, you should carry a **valid student visa or permit** issued by the Kenyan Immigration Department. It is also important to have copies of your passport, admission letter, and proof of financial support with you, as these may be required during your stay.

This way, you'll be fully prepared for both the application process and the immigration checks upon arrival.

Registration

Send to us your digital passport photo for processing of your University Student identification card. In addition, send your academic certificates, copy of your National Passport and CV for registration.

Banking

In Murang'a Town, students have access to several major banks, including **Equity Bank, KCB, and Cooperative Bank**. Notably, KCB and Equity banks also operates branches across the East African region, making it convenient for cross-border transactions. Students can open accounts using a **Student Pass, passport, Police abstract from their country of origin, and a KRA PIN**.

This setup ensures that students not only have reliable local banking options but also the flexibility of cross-border banking services, which is particularly useful for international students or those participating in exchange programs.

Health Insurance Support

Proof of health insurance is a mandatory requirement for all students. The University clinic provides basic medical services on campus, ensuring that immediate health needs can be addressed conveniently. For more specialized care, referrals are made to **Murang'a Level 5 Hospital**, which serves as the designated facility for advanced medical support. This structure ensures that students have both accessible on-site care and reliable referral options for comprehensive health coverage.



Pre-Arrival Information Pack

- **Checklist:** Passport, admission letter, visa/permit, medical records, proof of insurance, emergency contacts.
- **Orientation:** Scheduled within the first week of arrival; includes campus tour, academic briefing, and welfare support.
- **Local Information:**
 - Climate: Warm tropical, average **18–28°C**.
 - Cost of Living: Approx. \$116–\$194 USD per month (housing, food, transport).
 - Emergency Contacts:
 - University International Students Office: Director - +254 733 273171
 - Murang'a Level 5 Hospital: via University CMO +254 724 140 569
- **Contacts for Support:** Directorate of Linkages, Outreach and Partnerships (LOP)
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