K Facts

- Enrollment: 1403
  - 40 states and 25 countries
- Student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1
- Average class size is 17
- One of 40 Colleges in Loren Pope’s *Colleges That Change Lives*
- 86% of faculty hold Ph.D. or equivalent degree
- Ranked 14th of Liberal Arts Colleges in percentage of grads who earns PhDs
The **K-Plan**

- Liberal Arts
- Career Development
- Study Abroad
- Senior Individualized Project

Experiential Education at Kalamazoo College
Flexible Liberal Arts Curriculum

Three Shared Passages Seminars
- 1st Year Sem: Transition to College, Foundational Skills
- Soph Sem: Cultural Issues, Prepare for Study Abroad
- Senior Sem: Integrate K Experiences, Life After K

Foreign Language Proficiency
- Second Level Proficiency
- Option to test out or place in a higher level

PE/Wellness Courses
- Educating the whole body
- Provide stress relief

Completion of a Major
- 8-12 units
- Able to double major
- Encouraged to take wide variety of courses
Flexible Liberal Arts Curriculum

- Written and oral communication
- Cultural understanding
- Critical thinking
- Creative expression
- Reflection
- Quantitative reasoning
- Information literacy and research
Career and Professional Development

Externships

• 1 to 4 weeks working and living with K alum
• 50% of expenses supported by the College

Field Internships

• 6 to 12 weeks
• Must complete required journaling

Guilds

• Communities of Practice with students, faculty, staff and alums
• Health, Peace and Justice, Business, Sustainability, Law
Career and Professional Development

Career Planning

- Facilitates career exploration process
- Professional etiquette techniques
- Assistance with résumés and cover letters
- Mock Interviews
- Recruiters come to campus on a regular basis

Professional Development Institute

- Intensive professional development opportunity
- Engages with alumni and College friends
- Reflection, discussion, professional networking, Guild gatherings, and mentoring/advising sessions
Study Abroad

• Over 85% of students participate
• Short, Long, and Extended Term offerings
  – Sophomores can do Short Term (3 months)
  – Most go as a Junior for 6 months
• Nearly 50 programs on 6 continents
  – Less than half go to Europe
  – Participation in Asia, Africa and Middle East programs above national average
• Scholarship and financial aid transfers for most programs.
Study Abroad

• Pre and post orientation programs for students and parents
• Committed resident directors at every site
• On-campus travel clinic for immunizations
• Clear policies, procedures and consequences to encourage responsible behavior
• Currently ranked number 1 in per capita Peace Corps involvement
Study Abroad Outcomes

- Broad understanding of the world
- Specific knowledge of one’s own culture
- Specialized knowledge in a discipline
- Increased self confidence, independence and flexibility
Senior Individualized Project (SIP)

- Required for Graduation
- In or Out of Major
- 1 or 2 units credit
- Faculty Advisor
- Research or Creative
Hornet Sports

- NCAA Division III (non-scholarship)
- 16 Men’s and Women’s Teams
- Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association
## Application Deadlines

### Early Decision:
- **November 10**
  - Binding Contract
  - Decision Release Date: **November 20**

### Early Action:
- **November 20**
  - Non-Binding (May 1\textsuperscript{st} Decision Deadline)
  - Decision Release Date: **December 20**

### Regular Decision:
- **February 1**
  - Non-Binding (May 1\textsuperscript{st} Decision Deadline)
  - Decision Release Date: **April 1**
Review Process

Thorough evaluation completed by an Admission Counselor (assigned by territory counselor)

Second evaluation completed by an Associate Director of Admission

Final admission decision made by the Dean of Admission
Part 1: Academics

GPA and Curriculum

- Middle 50%: 3.4 – 3.8 unweighted
- Challenging courses (AP, IB, honors) based on school offerings

Test Scores

- Middle 50% ACT: 26 – 31
- Middle 50% SAT (2-part): 1250 - 1400
Part 2: Extras

Extracurricular Involvement
- Breadth and Depth
- Demonstrated Commitment
- Demonstrated Leadership

Essay
- Clear understanding of grammar and syntax
- Showcases student’s personality or point of view
Part 3: Other Factors

Required letters of recommendation:
- Academic teacher
- Counselor

Admission Interview
- Recommended, not required
- Alumni interviews available

Arts Supplement
- Will never hurt the application
- Include supporting documents (i.e. portfolio, recording or resume)
Merit-Based Scholarships

• Automatically considered by applying for admission to K
• Based on the same criteria as admission review
  – Worth between $5,000 and $21,500
• Renewable all 4 years at K
Enlightened Leadership Awards

- Social Activism and Civic Engagement
- Creative Expression
- International Activism
- Sustainability and Environmental Activism

- Need to fill out separate application (online) by February 1
- 5 scholarships for each of 4 categories
- Each worth $20,000 ($5,000/year)
- Students can apply for more than one but only be awarded one
Need-based Aid

• Complete forms
  – FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  – Kalamazoo College Financial Aid Form
  – *Int’l Students: Application for International Financial Aid*

• Available after January 1

• Priority deadline of February 15