Information Packet

Location: Lawrence, KS (http://www.visitlawrence.com/)

Lawrence is a diverse and multifaceted city that provides many of the amenities of a large metropolitan area, while still maintaining a strong sense of community. Located in Northeast Kansas, Lawrence is just 45 minutes west of Kansas City, and 30 minutes east of Topeka, the state capital. Lawrence offers a rich and fascinating history, a wide range of exciting cultural experiences, nationally recognized educational institutions, and some of the most unique and enjoyable shopping opportunities in the Midwest.

The University of Kansas (KU) (http://www.ku.edu/about/)

KU is the largest and oldest public research and teaching university in Kansas, made up of 28,000 students and 2,600 faculty. KU's main campus is located in Lawrence on Mount Oread, which is perhaps best known for being the staging area of William Quantrill's raid into Lawrence on August 21, 1863, during the American Civil War. See the website for a list of the many interesting Historical Sites, Museums, and Archives in Lawrence and the surrounding areas.

Transportation

Airports:

The closest airport is the Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is located about 50 miles (45 minutes) northeast of Lawrence, Kansas and 20 miles north of Kansas City, Missouri. http://www.flykci.com/

Car Rentals:

The most convenient way to get to Lawrence from any of the airports is by renting a car. There are many rental car services at the airport: http://www.flykci.com/direction/rentalcar/index.htm
Travel Kansas City International Airport (MCI) to Lawrence, Kansas

Shuttles

Ground Transportation Services (GTS) operates shuttles between MCI and Lawrence on a fixed schedule for $60 per person, each way (one bag, one carry on). Its airport shuttle makes five door-to-door, one-hour round trips a day for one to seven passengers. It leaves MCI at approximately 6:15am, 10:00am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, and 8:30pm, and leaves Lawrence at approximately 5:00am, 8:30am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm, and 7:00pm. You can make a reservation here: [http://www.gtslawrence.com/index.php?page=airport](http://www.gtslawrence.com/index.php?page=airport) (or call 785-842-8294)

GTI also has on-demand town cars for 3-4 passengers that cost $95 each way (785-842-8294 or 888-467-3729). The airport has all the major car rental companies, as well as stage coach service.

Taxis:

A one-way car ride from/to the airports can begin around $100, but would be an affordable option if a small group of Cheironians arrived/left at the same time.

Lawrence First Class Transportation 785-841-5466  
([http://www.lawrencelimos.com/reservations.html](http://www.lawrencelimos.com/reservations.html))

Regal Limousine 816-584-0057 ([http://www.regalride.com/airport.html](http://www.regalride.com/airport.html))

For cab service from KU to other places in town GTS also provides Taxi Services: 1-888-467-3729

Travel Kansas City, Missouri to Lawrence, Kansas

Travel Kansas City International Airport (MCI) to Kansas City, Missouri

For ground transportation from MCI to Kansas City, contact SuperShuttle located at terminals B and/or C (approximately $39 to downtown or the Country Club Plaza; 800.258.3826) or Quicksilver Airport Shuttle and Limousine (starting at $34; 800.888.8294, 913.262.0905, or 816.353.7100). Other services are available, as are cabs.

Amtrak

For transportation from Kansas City to Lawrence, the least expensive is Amtrak. The train – the Southwest Chief -- begins in Chicago, leaves Kansas City for Lawrence at 10:30pm (right, at night) from Union Station (30 West Pershing Road at mid-town), stops in Albuquerque, at the Grand Canyon, and finally in Los Angeles. It arrives at Lawrence’s Amtrak Station (413 East 7th Street; see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_(Amtrak_station)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_(Amtrak_station)). The cost is $16-24, depending on the day. The railway line and the station were built by the Atchison,
Topeka, and the Santa Fe Railroad, whose name was immortalized in American popular culture by the 1944 Harry Warren and Johnny Mercer song of the same name and sung by Judy Garland in the 1946 film – *The Harvey Girls*. She had an earlier popular culture association with Kansas. The Warren-Mercer song won the Academy Award for the Best Original Song in 1946 (e.g., “Do you hear that whistle down the line, I figure that it's engine number forty-nine. She's the only one that'll sound that way, On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe”). From the Lawrence station, you will need a cab to the local hotels and the Cheiron dorms (see http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/taxis). Make a reservation ahead of time, if you can.

**Ground Transportation**

For ground transportation from Kansas City to Lawrence, contact the KC Taxi Cab Company (816.916.4291); the cost is approximately $100. Lawrence’s Jayhawk Taxi (785.843.8294) will pick you up in Kansas City for a return trip for about the same cost. Other Kansas City taxi and town car services are available (e.g., KC’s ExecuCar for $125). These are about the same price as taking the airport shuttle back to MCI and then the GTI shuttle to Lawrence. You can also rent cars in Kansas City. The car rental companies in Lawrence are Avis, Budget, Enterprise, and Hertz. They are all a cab ride away from the local hotels and the Cheiron dorms, but some of the companies provide that service.

**Housing**

**On-Campus Housing:**

KU Scholarship Halls – Margaret Amini and K.K. Amini have air-conditioned 4-person, 2 bedroom suites with a shared living room and shared bathroom in the suite. (Linens and towels included but no toiletries). There are also large dining and living areas. [http://housing.ku.edu/margaret-aminim](http://housing.ku.edu/margaret-aminim) & [http://housing.ku.edu/kk-aminim](http://housing.ku.edu/kk-aminim)

Visit this map to see where the halls are located in relation to the conference center, and other points on campus.
[https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zNjKjfqP7JIA.k2ZIb8znG5GY](https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zNjKjfqP7JIA.k2ZIb8znG5GY)

**Bed and Breakfasts/Vacation Rentals:**

There are two B&Bs within a close distance to campus:

- Runaway Pony (http://runawayponybb.com/, 785-842-6618): Historic home in downtown Lawrence, rent the whole B&B or rooms by the night for $105/night.

There are also many options to rent private (and historic!) homes close to campus: You can do a search by following this link: Lawrence, KS Airbnb Rentals

Hotels:

For those who prefer to stay off-campus, we have a hotel block in downtown Lawrence, about 1 ½ miles from campus under the group “Cheiron”.

- Springhill Suites 785-841-2700 (King and double queen rooms) $114/night http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lwcks-springhill-suites-lawrence/

The block expires on May 17th, so book before then to receive the conference rate.

Other hotel options:

- Comfort Inn & Suites $112/night – 2 ½ miles from campus
- Baymont Inn & Suites $89/night – 1 ½ miles from campus
- Hampton Inn Lawrence $164/night – 2 miles from campus
- Best Western $72/night – 3 miles from campus

Conference Location

The talks and meals for Cheiron will be held at the Adams Alumni Center located at 1266 Oread Ave, Lawrence, KS 66045 http://www.kualumni.org/about/adams-alumni-center/

Dining

Breakfast:

Buffet-style continental breakfast will be served in the back of the Bruckmiller Room in the Adams Alumni Center, where the talks will be held.

Lunch, Reception, and Banquet:

Buffet-style lunch will be served in the Bruckmiller Room, where the talks will be held. For those who would like to eat at a restaurant, there are over a dozen restaurants to choose from on downtown Massachusetts St. (“Mass” if you want to talk like a local) between 6th and 11th streets, about a ½ mile walk from campus.

Both the Thursday evening poster session/opening reception as well as the Saturday evening banquet will be held in the Alumni Center, where all the talks will be held.

Thursday and Friday Dining Downtown:
Downtown Lawrence restaurants can be found on Massachusetts St., a ½ - 1 mile walk east of campus. See http://www.downtownlawrence.com/explore-downtown-lawrence/dining/ for a listing of restaurants.

A few local favorites include Free State Brewery, The Burger Stand, Zen Zero, and Merchant’s Pub & Plate, 715, Genovese, India Palace, Encore, TEN at the Eldridge Hotel, Baan Thai, and Mexquisito.

There are also restaurants inside The Oread Hotel, located directly next to the Alumni Center: http://theoread.com/dining-service/restaurants/

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