Welcome to the Payment Plan Option presented by Student Account Services.

The University of Kansas contracts with Tuition Management Systems (TMS) to help you budget for the payment of your tuition and other educational expenses. The plan allows you to spread your semester balance out over 3 or 4 monthly payments (2 for summer semester) for a small enrollment fee.

The enrollment period for the TMS payment plan begins June 1st for the fall semester, November 1st for spring semester and April 1st for the summer semester. Enrolling early allows for the 4 month plan option for fall and spring semesters and even more affordable payments. The last date to enroll in the plan for the fall semester is August 15th. January 15th is the last day to enroll for spring and May 15th for summer.

To participate in the payment plan, you must enroll with TMS either on line or by phone. A budget is required at the time of enrollment as is the $36 enrollment fee and the first installment payment.

If you do not know your exact costs when you wish to enroll, you may provide an estimated budget in order to start the plan. The budget can be adjusted at any time during the contract period to reflect the actual charges on your KU student account.

Providing the budget alone does not enroll you in the payment plan. The enrollment fee and first installment are required as well.

Once you log in to afford.com/ku this is the screen you will see. Notice that when you enroll in the plan you must choose the appropriate ACADEMIC YEAR. You must also select the appropriate school. Both University of Kansas main campus and the University of Kansas – Med Center are listed. For our purposes, you would select University of Kansas.

The next screen allows you to select the appropriate semester.

You enter the budget amount at this point. Remember it can always be adjusted later if necessary.

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Step 4 allows you to select the number of payments you wish to make. Remember signing up early allows for the 4 month plan and more affordable payments.

There are still a few more steps to follow after this point to be enrolled. Demographic information etc

If you choose to participate in the payment plan, there are some things to remember. It is a contract between you and Tuition Management Systems.

TMS does not have access to the KU student account. They are not able to see if there are any new charges or adjusted charges on student accounts.

This is why it is very important that you monitor the KU account and the TMS account to make any necessary adjustments in your budget.

TMS will bill monthly. Payments are due to TMS on the 1st of each month. This is different than KU due dates which are the 15th of the month. To avoid late fees from TMS or KU, be sure to make you payments on time. Again, review bills and your accounts to make sure you are on track with payments.

The last payment for fall is due October 1st. For spring semesters it is March 1st. Summer is July 1st.

If payments are not received in a timely manner, a hold is placed on student accounts until the balance is paid.

If you are not able to make your last payment to TMS on time, it may be best to pay KU directly and let TMS know that.

In review, TMS allows you to spread the semester’s payments over several months

There is no interest charged, only the enrollment fee.

TMS can offer to set you up with different payment methods to better suit your situation

You have access to your TMS account 24 hours a day online.

Using TMS reduces the stress of having to make the semester payment all at once, which makes your educational experience that much better.