

# DAILY LIVING

## Living expenses

It is important to make sure you have sufficient money to cover all your expenses while studying in KKU. As well as money to pay your fees, you will need enough money for your living expenses. In fact, how much money you will spend is depend on your personal lifestyle, but regulary you should have at least 10,000 - 15,000 Baht a month.

Estimate cost:

Food	25-30	Baht
Drinking Water	10	Baht
Medicine	30-80	Baht
Magazine	30-80	Baht
Cloths	199	Baht
Bed materials	300	Baht
Mobile Phone	4,000	Baht
SIM card	50-300	Baht
Computer	20,000	Baht
Handy Drive	290	Baht
Laundry	10	Baht/kilo
Internet Café	20	Baht/hour
Local call	1	Baht/3 minute (public phone)

## Accommodation

Many of our visiting students who stay for more than one term will stay at one of our international accomodation and then move to another facility once they get to know our campus and Khon Kaen better. There are diverse housing options on and near campus for students. Rental rate ranges from 2,500 to 4,000 THB per month, depending on the location, quality of the rooms, and whether it is air-conditioned.

Advance payment and deposits are usually no more than 2 times the monthly rent. Normally, a room will run 15 to 25 square meters and is furnished with one single-bed, one wardrobe, and one writing table. You can choose whether you would like a room with or without air conditioning. Considering the climate in Thailand, always choose an apartment with air-conditioning.



The University dormitories, located on campus, are available for international students who want to stay on campus, and can be booked by the semester. For 2-4 students sharing in one of the older halls, the fee is about 1,300 per student per semester (16 weeks). The new halls costs around 3,000 – 5,000 baht per student

per semester. Accommodation for overseas students can be arranged through the International Relations Office or Student Affairs Section of the Faculty in which the student is studying.

## Post Office

KKU Post Office is located at ground floor (parking lot) of the University Commercial Complex. The Post Office provides a variety of services for students and staffs including buying stamps and sending mail and parcels. The Post Office also has secure mailbox rental at good rates. The mailbox rental ranges around 150 Baht per year and 300 Baht for key guarantee (pay only first time).



In Khon Kaen downtown, the main post office is located on the corner of Sri Chan and Klang Muang Roads, next to the Police Station. It is open weekdays from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, and on Saturdays from 9.00 am to noon, and there is a CAT international phone office attached.

KKU's postcode is 40002

## Telephone

Regarding international phone calls, there is a 24 hour international phone and fax service office on SoonRatchakan Road (Northern part of town). At present, all telephone numbers (for local calls and long distance calls within the country) have 9 digits.

- The new system has no effect on international phone calls.
- The international dialing code for Thailand is 66.
- When making international calls to Thailand, add 66 and omit the leading 0.
- When making international calls from Thailand, first dial 001+country code + area code + telephone number
- If calling Laos or Malaysia, there is a special code, which is charged at a semi-domestic rate.
- When calling Laos, first dial 007+856+area code + telephone number
- When calling Malaysia, first dial 09+06+area code + telephone number
- Direct assistance: 1133 (local), 100 (international)



### **Mobile Phone**

Domestic and international call could be connected easily throughout country by mobile phone. In Thailand, you can choose cellphone network from three services; GSM, DTAC, and True Move, which also the brand of SIM card. Different services have different promotion, quality, and rate. Students can buy a new mobile phone and SIM card at any mobile shops around Khon Kaen. A new mobile phone costs around 1,500-20,000 Baht, and around 700-2,000 Baht for second hand, depending on its function, brand and trend. SIM card is costing around 50-300 Baht. If choosing pre-paid service, you can buy a refill card at any mobile shops, or most convenient at 7- Eleven minimart.

Calling rate is different depending on the selected promotion and cellphone services. Calling rate for international can be checked through a Call Center of the service.



## Banks



There are several bank offices offer banking services on KKU campus area:

1. The Siam Commercial Bank, KKU Branch, located in front of the Srinagarind Hospital, Friendship Road.
2. The Siam Commercial Bank, Commercial Complex, KKU sub-branch, located at Commercial Complex.
3. Bangkok Bank, KKU Branch, located on 1st floor, Srinagarind Hospital.
4. Krungsri Ayudhaya Bank, KKU Branch, located at Central Library.
5. Kasikorn Thai Bank, Commercial Complex, KKU sub-branch, located at Commercial Complex.

To open a bank account you need a copy of your passport and acceptance letter. Please bring the original one when involve with banking matters such as deposit, withdraw, exchange, and transfer. Banks usually open 08:30 - 15:30 hours daily, but close on weekends and on public holidays. There are some banks in department stores that are open until 7 pm and some even open on weekends.



## Dining Place



KKU Food and Service Center (Complex) is not the only one dining place in campus. In general, each faculty has its own canteen that you can sit and have a lunch. Some providing breakfast, but only fews are open for dinner. Most faculties' canteen are open on weekday.

At present moment, you can find numerous dining places around campus with several food options including vegetarian and islam food for Muslim students. Kang Sdal and Lang Ho (means the location at back of dormitory area) are the well-known dining place nearest KKU campus, providing various kinds of food around the clock. Facilities like laundry, stationary, book shop, and internet café are also available there. Students could get to Kang Sdal by mini-bus no.16 (red color), and mini-bus no.8 (blue color- old line) for Lang Ho area. Or you may prefer a simple flea market (Talad Nad) near the male dormitory with plenty food and things to shop.

Muslim students may face difficulty in finding islam food because of few muslim foodshops in campus. One of the few islam foodshop is located at the canteen of Faculty of Education, with the other selling Roti near the U-Center. However, you can order food with no pork from any foodshops in campus, which are safe enough because almost all cooked by vegetable oil.

Downtown is another option for dining place. Also, vegetarian and islam foodshops are easily seen there. Please see In and



Around Khon Kaen – Food and Restaurant as guidance.

## Religion Support

Individuals at KKU are free to participate religious practice and worship as to their own faith. However, we do not directly provide a Religious Center but there are still intercessory religious club in the campus, such as Christian Student Club, Catholic Student Club, Muslim Student Club, and also Bhuddist Club. The club provide a place for worship and information on religious activities. You may also being supported by the member, or you can ask them for advice on religious matters. The clubs are located at Student Affair Division, near Security Office and Cafeteria 2.



If you are seeking for a church or mosque, both are searchable in downtown and neighboring districts like Ban Pai and Ban Had. The Central Mosque of Khon Kaen located at Ban Samliam areas not too far from the campus. For the churchs, mostly are located within the Christian School; one is on Ha Pruschika Road within the Khon Kaen Christian School and another is in the Holy Redeemer School on Chata Padung Road.

## Emergency

In the case of a serious accident or illness needing immediate hospital treatment, dial 191 and ask for "Ambulance" or "Rod-Payaban". This is a national free call which also used to contact the police or fire brigade in emergency.