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USA University Progression

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The American university system is justly regarded as one of the best in the world, and the USA remains the most popular destination for degree-level study.

At Kings, we ask every student to imagine the American degree certificate they want on their wall in four years' time. We then help them to build a personalized pathway to achieve it.

With the Kings On Campus *Plus* program, students have the option, with support and advice from our on-campus advising staff, to transfer out of their host university to the second or third year of another US university.

Our students transfer not only to universities which are well-suited to their needs and aptitudes, but also which are highly ranked in the field in which they would like to study.

Here, some of the most recent students to have transferred to other universities talk about their experience with Kings.

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Unspecified Major

Ranked
25

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World Report National University
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Ekaterina Prokopeva from Russia spent her freshman year at Canisius. She is now majoring in Computer Science at Boston University, one of the top 50 universities in the US. We spoke to her during her time at Canisius to get her thoughts on Kings, and on her future plans.

What’s it like being an international student here in the USA?

“I like being an international student here because you seem very interesting for other people. Everybody recognizes who you are, and everybody loves your accent, which is really funny! Also I like that everybody is very friendly, and tries to understand what you feel. Perhaps it is very difficult to be far away from home, so I love such a warm atmosphere here.”

How did Kings help you?

“I think that the Kings program helped me in English, I was preparing for TOEFL on the Kings program, and now I have quite a good score because of the program. Also I think that people from Kings helped me with my application and choosing my future university, so I appreciate that.”

You’ve come to the USA to study, and now you’re here – what’s next for you?

“I want to go to a top university in America. I work very hard and Canisius helps me in it, the teachers are perfect in here, they are ready to help you at any time, and I am very happy with the people who I met at Canisius – I have very good friends here.”

If you were talking to people who were thinking of coming here, what would you say?

“I would say if you have good English, come to Canisius, I think that it’s a very good place for international students if it’s your first time in America because the college is quite small and you get a lot of attention so it’s much easier to improve your English. It’s much easier to understand the subjects when there aren’t many people in your classroom. It’s the perfect place for beginning, or maybe even to stay.”

Ekaterina Prokopeva’s pathway



Science and Mathematics
Pathway

Ranked
42

Boston University
Computer Science



BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Nikita Demidov from Russia took the Business and Economics pathway in his freshman year before transferring to CUNY Baruch to major in Business.

Why did you choose the Pathway program?

"My agent gave me the information about Kings and the pathway program – that you can come here, study for one year and then can transfer to another university. And it's great to be honest. For the first few months I was thinking 'Why am I here', but then I realized if you want to make the right choice you need to study what's best for you. The American education system is way different from the Russian one, and for understanding what is the best choice for you, you need to study here – that's why I think it's really great that I chose it and why I'm taking part in this right now."

How did you find the support from Kings' staff?

"First of all I really needed it. The support is the reason I came to the pathway program. I think advising is useful, and I really like that we visited many colleges in Boston, and also in New York."

What are you looking forward to about being at Baruch College?

"My dream school is Baruch College (in New York). I decided I wanted to apply to Baruch, and the reason why I want to do it is that Baruch is a business college and my major is business. Baruch also has a lot of international students and is a great opportunity to develop your relationships with people, and just to engage in this area of study."

Nikita Demidov's pathway



Business and Economics
pathway

Ranked
25*

CUNY Baruch
Business

*ranking taken from U.S. News & World Report: Regional Universities (North) category

“ At Kings each student is focused on by professors or teachers. Therefore, I could have very good relationships with them. I believe that this may not always happen at bigger universities or institutions. Most of the international students who are here want to successfully transfer. This process is not easy to handle. However, my Kings pathways adviser helped me in every way he could. ”

Yun Young Lee’s pathway



Business and
Economics Pathway

Ranked
54

George Washington University
International Business



Weijun Ying’s pathway



Business and
Economics Pathway

Ranked
33

University of Rochester
Psychology/Business



Hoyoung Kim’s pathway



Business and
Economics Pathway

Ranked
126

University of Albany SUNY
Business



Ganna Vilenska’s pathway



Business and
Economics Pathway

Ranked
60*

Suffolk University
Psychology/Business

*ranking taken from U.S. News & World Report: Regional Universities (North) category

Yu Chin Chiang’s pathway



Business and
Economics Pathway

Ranked
42

Northeastern University
Business

Finding the perfect fit



Chris Bock is the Progression Manager at Pine Manor College. We spoke to him to get his thoughts on university transfer in the US, and to find out how he helps Kings students with the process.

How common is it for university students in the US to transfer after their freshman year?

"Transferring from one university to another is quite common in the US these days, but it can still be a very complicated process without the right support. One *New York Times* article suggests that on average, 1 in 3 students enrolled in US universities will transfer at least once in their undergraduate career. Many students transfer from 2-year programs, like those found at community colleges to 4-year Bachelor's degree programs, while others decide they need to 'prove' themselves in a university setting in order to make the next step to a highly specialized or competitive program.

“Transferring from one university to another is quite common in the US these days.”

"For some students, cost is a factor, and they move from more expensive private universities to relatively affordable public institutions. Other students find that it's easier to be accepted to some competitive universities after acquiring one year of college credits due to availability of spaces and the factors of selectivity. Although each student has his or her own unique reason for transferring, it is not an unusual activity. In fact, many universities reserve spaces in specific majors for transfer students, so universities are more prepared for this practice nowadays."

What are the main benefits of transferring?

"I personally transferred four times to complete my bachelor's degree. I started at a private music conservatory as a freshman, realized it wasn't the best fit for me, and then took my general education courses for a semester at a community college to save money before I transferred first

to a small public liberal arts college and then to a large public research university in my home state to complete my degree in English literature. So not only did I change my college, but my major and course of study were also altered. Transferring allows students to have the most flexibility and choice when it comes to completing their degrees.

“After a year of college-level study, students are savvier, and know what they want in a program and on-campus life.”

"Today, we are expecting that high school students know what they want to do with their whole lives – and exactly what university is right to get them to their final goal – all by the age of 18. In many cases, these students have not yet set foot on a college campus, so how can they know the answers to these very important questions until they have had the hands-on experience? Therefore, after a year of college-level study, students are savvier, and know what they want in a program and on-campus life, so transfer options are essential for students who are figuring out their path along the way."

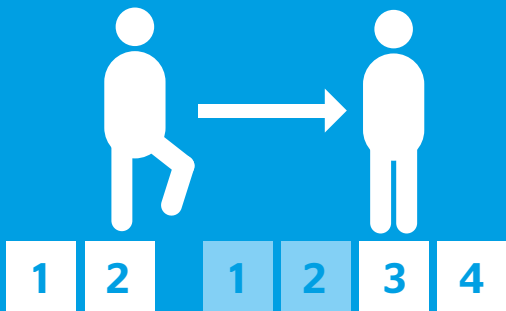
How do you help students to decide on the best university to progress to?

"Each individual student has a unique skill set, personalized goals and their own dream, so no one university is the right 'fit' for all students, despite published systems of rankings. As such, Kings advisors get to know each student personally.

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Many American students transfer after 1 or 2 years to complete their major elsewhere.

“We work hard to help students determine the factors that make an appropriate college fit, which includes size, location, public or private, on-campus life, research centers, strength of faculty and career, and international student services. We also help students to match their statistics – GPA, test scores and extracurricular activities – with universities where they can be successful and flourish in majors that are right for them.”

What other aspects of the transfer process do you help with?

“We assist with each and every part of the transfer process. We help students select universities that are a good fit, research requirements, and answer questions about applications, including the Common Application, which can be quite confusing. The personal essay is huge, so we assist students with editing and fully thinking through drafts so that in the end, by putting in the hard work, their unique voice and story can be heard.

“We also assist with forms such as financial statements, and mid term reports. We advise students how to communicate effectively with admissions officers via email and phone, and we also take students off site to visit and learn about top ranked universities in the region, in our case, greater Boston. Our approach involves meeting every student and taking the extra steps to ensure that students feel confident about their educational path.”

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What advice do you give students who are hoping to transfer to another university?

“Choose a university because it’s right for you, not because your friend wants to go there. Study in a major you love, and choose a school where the faculty will challenge you to think harder, and with more diverse points of view every day.

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“Choose a transfer school where you can be involved in many different activities, because when you transfer, you encounter a whole new group of students, but unlike freshman orientation, there are usually no week-long team and community building activities for transfer students. So make sure to get involved in your new community and make a lot of friends!”

What do you enjoy most about your role at Kings?

“I love that I get to meet students on campus when they first arrive in the US for our Undergraduate Preparation program, sometimes with limited levels of English, and over the course of months or a year, watch them grow into confident, driven and successful university students.

“When the payoff for all their hard work is an acceptance letter to an excellent university program that is a perfect fit for the student, it feels really amazing to be a part of this process.”

“I also love that I get to learn about their lives and experiences back home, which fuels their passions, and often becomes the subject of their admissions essay. I am floored by the motivation that Kings’ students bring to their first-year courses, TOEFL preparation and transfer applications, and when the payoff for all their hard work is an acceptance letter to an excellent university program that is a perfect fit for the student, it feels really amazing to be a part of this process.”

UNIVERSITY
PROGRESSION
DESTINATIONS

University of Washington, Seattle (48)

On Campus *Plus*
Canisius



On Campus *Plus*
Marymount
California University



University of Southern California (25)

Marymount California University

University of Arizona (121)

College transfer not only gives students flexibility, but can often give them access to universities which are more highly-ranked for their intended field of study.

Below is an overview of some of the universities to which our most recent students have been accepted for transfer.

University	Rank	Student name	Anticipated Major
University of Southern California	25	Ren Deng	Accounting
New York University	32	Ho Man Wong	Economics
University of Rochester	33	Weijun Ying	Business
		Sangho An	Economics
Georgia Institute of Technology	35	Jaehee Min	Chemical Engineering
Boston University	42	Junwoo Park	PreMed/Biology
		Zehua Zhao	Mechanical Engineering
		Ekaterina Prokopeva	Computer Science
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	42	Jue Zhang	Mathematics/Chemical Engineering
Northeastern University	42	Eric Shi Shen Cheah	Biochemistry
		Yu-Chin Chiang	Business
		Ling To Tsang	International Relations
		Darya Shyryayeva	Unspecified Major
University of Washington, Seattle	48	Teoh Synn Liang	Unspecified Major

University	Ranking	Student name	Anticipated Major
George Washington University	54	Yun Young Lee	International Business
Ohio State University	54	Seungmin Jeong	Business
Syracuse University	58	Bokang Weng	Business
Rutgers – New Brunswick	70	Hyejeong Shin	Nutrition/Business
		Zijing Wu	Mathematics
University of Minnesota	71	Yiren Hu	Unspecified Major
		Hoi Ming Ho	Economics
		Yongge Sun	Nutrition
		Zixuan Wang	Computer Science
		Qiaohua Yang	Psychology
University of Delaware	76	Chun Li	Business
Indiana University Bloomington	76	Shaobo Yuan	Business
		Wanqi Geng	Business/Accounting
Michigan State University	85	Yu Wang	Business

- **UMASS Boston (RNP)**

On Campus *Plus*
Concordia College



University	Ranking	Student name	Anticipated Major
Western New England University	65*	Zi Qian Lim	Mechanical Engineering
		Chun Chin Tao	Engineering
Barry University	RNP	Yiyan Song	Early Childhood Education
Berkeley College NYC	RNP	Anatoly Illinsky	International Business
LIU Brooklyn	RNP	Jihoon Kim	Unspecified Major
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	RNP	Bao Duy Le	Graphic Design
Massachusetts College of Health and Pharmacy Sciences	RNP	Dayhun Lee	Nursing
UMASS Boston	RNP	Chun Yong Ang	Business
		Minwook Lee	Unspecified Major
		Shao Kuang Lim	Unspecified Major
		Zi Xin Ong	Business

MEDICINE



“On the Kings Pathway program I learned how to write an essay, how to participate in a class, and how to study my major. I also learned how to make friends and how to understand and accept other cultures. It was an interesting experience.”

Dahyun Lee’s pathway



Science and Mathematics Pathway



Massachusetts College of Health and Pharmacy Sciences
Nursing

Junwoo Park from South Korea took academic modules in Science and Mathematics during his freshman year. At the start of his sophomore year he transferred to Boston University.

Why did you choose the Kings Pathway Program?

“I was searching for the program to study abroad, and I chose the Kings course because it fits best to my situation.”

How did Kings help you achieve your goals?

“Kings staff hold workshops monthly and give students personal counseling if they want, which helps students to achieve their goals.”

What do you think makes studying at Kings so good?

“There are other Kings students who come from different countries and we can interact with various cultures through them.”

What are your plans for the future?

“I am planning to become a neuroscientist and after I graduate college, I want to proceed my study at graduate school.”

How would you describe your experience at Kings?

“At Kings, I was able to meet lots of foreign friends, and interact with lots of different cultures. Progression Advisors help us to choose schools where we can easily transfer.”

Junwoo Park’s pathway



Science and Mathematics Pathway



Boston University
PreMed/Biology



SCIENCES AND
ENGINEERING

Eric Shi Shen Cheah’s pathway



Science and
Mathematics Pathway

Ranked
42

Northeastern University
Biochemistry

“ I chose to study with Kings because I wanted to improve my English skills. Kings treats student nicely and we often hang out with teachers and classmates. There are also great facilities and a good environment – all of these things make studying at Kings good. It was really fun when I was in Kings because the teachers gave us a lot of freedom. I loved it! ”

Zi Qian Lim’s pathway



Science and
Mathematics Pathway

Ranked
65*

Western New England University
Mechanical Engineering

*ranking taken from U.S. News & World Report: Regional Universities (North) category

Yongge Sun from China studied academic modules in Science and Mathematics during her freshman year. She has transferred to the University of Minnesota to major in Nutrition.

Why did you choose the Kings Pathway Program?

“I chose to take a course with Kings because it is a good chance to learn English and experience US culture, which will help me a lot in my future study.”

How did Kings help you achieve your goals?

“Kings provided a beautiful environment and nice teachers to help me to develop my English.”

What do you think makes studying at Kings so good?

“The best things about life at Kings are the easy-going teachers and friends, and interesting activities.”

What are your plans for the future?

“I would like to accomplish a 4-year degree, and then pursue a Masters degree.”

Would you recommend Kings to students considering studying in America?

“To anyone considering going to Kings, I would say you should come here to experience this amazing and totally different culture and environment!”

How did the teaching at Kings help you to succeed at university?

“The teaching at Kings helped me to improve my English skills a lot, I am able to follow my university teachers more easily.”

Yongge Sun’s pathway



Science and
Mathematics Pathway

Ranked
71

University of Minnesota
Nutrition

Qingliang Fan’s pathway



Science and
Mathematics Pathway

Ranked
121

University of Arizona
Biology

POLITICS/
INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS

Ling To Tsang (Nick) from Hong Kong transferred to Northeastern University at the start of his sophomore year. His major is International Relations.

Why did you choose this course at this university?

"I think the reason why I chose this course at this university is because it's famous! It's a really high quality faculty and it's famous for its different program, so I think it will be a very good opportunity for me to study at Northeastern as an International Relations student."

How did Kings help you get here?

"When I came here as a Kings student I immediately went to Pine Manor College, and one of the very important things that Kings helped me with was to help me plan my future. I think that for me, as a student from Hong Kong here in the US, it was really important to have someone to help me plan."

What has your experience of university life in the USA been like so far?

"In the USA it's very open – it's a different style in Hong Kong. There we study syllabus and curriculum and it's mixed together, but in the US they really let you find your interest and build your own career by yourself. It's a great chance to be a student in the US – a lot of different kinds of people can be made in the US system of education – this is how they try to do it, to promote innovation and different kinds of students – students with different kinds of interests and career hopes. The good thing about the US system is that it's creative; many students will be rewarded by this system if they want to have their own career – an interesting, creative career."

What are your plans after university?

"For me, because I'm an International Relations major and I want to work in this field, I don't think that only a degree can help me become what I want. I will probably go for Grad School, maybe after I gain some work experience back in Hong Kong or elsewhere – in the US there are lots of great Grad Schools, so I will come back and study more."

What would you tell others about the Kings route?

"I think that it's definitely a very, very good route to choose Kings. The thing that I would want to tell them is that they have to cherish this opportunity – in the US it's really free, we have a lot of time to do many different things. It's very important to be disciplined and study hard and try many good things. At Kings there are a lot of great people helping you, so don't waste this opportunity!"



Ling To Tsang's pathway



Humanities and Social
Sciences Pathway

Ranked
42

Northeastern University

International Relations



ART AND DESIGN

Bao Duy Le from Vietnam studied modules in Arts and Communication during his freshman year. He transferred to Massachusetts College of Art and Design to major in Graphic Design.

Why did you choose this course and this university?

"Before going to Mass Art, I had a selection of colleges I wanted to go to. I specifically wanted a career in art, and I looked up a list of colleges and found that Mass Art was one of the top colleges for art so I decided to get a feel for what it was like, and here I am!"

How has Kings helped you go from being a student in your home country to a university student in America?

"Kings did a really good job in helping me prepare for getting to college. Kings taught me a lot about the American culture, and the Kings college system helped me to get a year's head start in what it feels like to study in a college environment in the US. I think I did a pretty good job during my time with Kings to build a strong foundation for attending Mass Art."

What is the application process like?

"The requirements are very basic for an arts student – basically the most important thing that you must have to attend an art college is your portfolio. This is a priority in assessing your skill in applying to Mass Art, or any art college. The second thing you would need to throw in your application is your resume of course. They reveal all the things you've done, not just in high school, but any sort of previous university you've attended before art college. The third thing you need to get is an official score of your English test, could be ACT or SAT – fortunately Mass Art also accepts IELTS. Its requirement for the IELTS is 6.5, they also accept TOEFL too. If you happen to take any of those tests you're all set for Mass Art."

How would you describe university in America to students back home in Vietnam?

"I've got to say it's pretty different from where I am. Even though I was in an international environment back then it's a huge shift in terms of the culture. Here you have a sort of freedom that is way beyond what you had back then but, you know, when you arrive in the US you might find yourself in a position of culture shock, but as soon as time passes it's going to feel like home. Bear in mind that at university we also have international students, like at international high school, so you can make friends, be happy and be prosperous."

What are your plans after university?

"Actually, it's still pretty far in the future! There are still a lot of options and important decisions I need to make in terms of finishing my BFA, and proceeding to my MFA, it's still far ahead, so the decision will be made when I progress to a certain point."

What would you say to people thinking of going to Kings?

"To all my friends back home, I would say this is a perfect place in terms of opportunity. You can find a lot of opportunities here, and this is definitely the place for you. You will start from a blank page, and it's up to you how you become. It's here that you have a chance to stand out from the crowd. I hope to see you guys in the US!"

Bao Duy Le's pathway



Arts and Communication
Pathway



Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Graphic Design

COMMUNICATIONS

“ In my opinion, America is the country of big opportunities, I want my life to be successful. That’s why I’m here. In my opinion I had perfect teachers when I was at Kings, and I met really cool people from all over the world. When I was at Kings I was able to improve my academic vocabulary, so when I started it was much easier to cope with lots of new information in another language, so it really helped me. ”

Julia Patskan’s pathway



Arts and Communication
Pathway

Ranked
60*

Suffolk University
Communications

*ranking taken from U.S. News & World Report: Regional Universities (North) category

UNSPECIFIED
MAJOR



Flexibility in deciding
your major

“Deciding what you want to do for the rest of your life is a daunting task, especially at 17 or 18. Thankfully, the US higher education system is flexible and in most cases students have the option to wait until the end of their sophomore year to declare a major.

“Since 80 percent of all college students change their major at least once, it is clear that this flexibility provides students room to develop and explore interests, and grow as young adults before starting the first step of their future career.”

Bill Colvin –
Executive Director,
US Operations



“The Progression Advisor (at Kings) helped me with a lot of things, like my application, my personal statement. Before I came to America, my English was not that good and I didn’t get a good result for my IELTS. They helped me to improve my English – my speaking skills, writing skills, reading skills – they helped me a lot. Compared to Pine Manor College the environment in UMass is really big. They have flexible classes, challenging courses – it’s new for me, I’m getting used to it!”

Shao Kuang Lim’s pathway



Science and Mathematics
Pathway

RNP

UMass Boston

Yuka Muramoto’s pathway



Business and Economics
Pathway

Ranked
60*

Suffolk University

*ranking taken from U.S. News & World Report: Regional Universities (North) category





Transfer Timeline

The University Application Plan is a comprehensive process which includes workshops, one-to-one sessions with Progression Advisors, university visits and personal assignments.

So, through a carefully managed program over several months, our students have the perfect preparation – at the perfect time – to make the perfect transfer choice.

SEPTEMBER

Focus on grades and extracurricular activities

Students who are aiming for a competitive school must have excellent grades and strong, consistent extracurricular activities. The unique part of this program is that students have a year to prove what they can do in a college classroom instead of letting their high school performance speak for itself. However, grades are not enough. Extracurricular activities are very important to any college application. Those students who were very active in high school are off to a good start, but those who weren't still have the opportunity to make a difference by volunteering or joining a club.

OCTOBER

Making decisions

What kind of university would you like to attend?
There are many universities in the US to choose from, so students should ask themselves the following questions. Would you prefer to be in a city or a small town? A private university or public? It's important for students to choose a well-suited environment so that they can really thrive.

What do you want to study?
This is an important question, but one of the great things about higher education in the US is that students often don't have to declare a major until their second year. Being undecided is just fine.

Where do you want to study?
We recommend that each student builds a list of 3 'dream' schools and 2 'safety' schools (where they are sure to be accepted). There are many factors to consider when making a choice about where to study, and Progression Advisors at Kings are on-hand to help students make the best decision.

What is your timeline?
Everyone is different. Some students stay for only two semesters, others three, and others stay until graduation. Establishing when to transfer is very important, as some of the schools a particular student is interested in attending may only accept applications for fall entry.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Prepare your applications

Ask for letters of recommendation
Most college applications require letters of recommendation to be submitted along with any application. Students should think about who knows them best and can provide a good reference, but also think about who can speak about their academic strengths and interests.

Supplemental questions, essays and personal statements
Some schools belong to the Common Application and others have their own application. Although the Common Application does make things easier, students shouldn't underestimate the importance of the supplemental questions for each school. Also, many schools will require essays and/or personal statements. Kings advisors will offer guidance about these requirements and will provide writing tutoring assistance.

NOVEMBER

Which tests do you need?

Since students transfer as a sophomore (second year students) or above, they might be exempt from many of the standardized tests that incoming freshmen normally take. Furthermore, if they are interested in a very competitive school, strong test scores can help set them apart from the other candidates. Students should complete their list of potential schools early and meet with Kings advisors to discuss the requirements and best plan of action.

Keep track of deadlines!
There are many forms to fill out when applying to schools, along with test dates and scholarship deadlines. We recommend that students add these to their calendar to stay organized.

FEBRUARY

Complete your applications

Obtain your transcripts
At this point students need to obtain a transcript that shows their first semester grades and second semester classes – Kings advisors will help with this.

Complete applications
Applications must be completed in a timely manner, and we recommend thoroughly proofreading applications and all supporting documents.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Following up/further research

Scholarship search
There are many scholarship opportunities available, so options should be fully researched. Kings advisors can provide information on options that might be a good fit.

Follow up on your applications
Students should verify with their Kings advisor that they have met all the requirements necessary for a decision to be made on their application.

MARCH/APRIL/MAY

Final decisions

Watch your mailbox
Those students who applied under the regular application process should receive an admissions decision by April or May. Responses to offers should be made in a timely manner.

Congratulations!
We wish all of our students the very best and hope that they will stay in touch to give us updates on their success.

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