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UK traces its roots to Transylvania University (Lexington), which opened in 1783, and Kentucky University (Harrodsburg), which opened in 1858. The two merged to become the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky in 1865. It was renamed State University, Lexington, Kentucky in 1908 and ultimately the University of Kentucky in 1916.

Town: Lexington (pop. 295,803)

Enrollment: 28,094

Nickname: Wildcats, thanks to Commandant Carbusier, who in 1909 as head of the military department at old State University told a group of students that the Kentucky football team had “fought like Wildcats.”

Colors: Blue and white

Traditions: **Basketball** is king in Kentucky, where the Cats won the national title April 2, 2012.

Legendary coach Adolph Rupp led the men to 27 conference titles and four national championships from 1930 to 1972. Students rub former UK

President James Patterson’s foot on his memorial statue for luck. “**My Old Kentucky Home**” is the signature song of the Wildcat Marching Band.

GO BIG BLUE!

Lexington, Ky.

Miles from CoMo

470

Stop by a tailgate for ...
pulled pork sandwiches,
catfish and hush puppies,
bourbon balls, sweet
tea mimosas

Mascot:
The Wildcat

TUITION
\$9,128*

NOTABLE ALUMNI:
Ashley Judd, actress
Pat Riley, basketball coach
Brady J. Deaton, University of Missouri chancellor

*In-state, two semesters' tuition

Eats and treats: *USA Today* named **Tolly-Ho** Kentucky's best burger joint. **Billy's Bar-B-Q** was voted Lexington's best by *Ace Magazine* and the *Kentucky Kernel*.

and required fees. Source: U.S. News Best Colleges 2012.

Places and spaces: Lexington is the "Horse Capital of the World," and **Kentucky Horse Park** is a working farm that showcases a Parade of Breeds, trail rides and a Hall of Champions. **The Arboretum** is the official botanical garden located south of Commonwealth Stadium.




The university of Kentucky is home to 16 colleges, a graduate school, 93 undergraduate programs, 99 master's programs, 66 doctoral programs and four professional programs.




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