

Lawrence and beyond



Upper right, a fountain in Kansas City.
Top, Massachusetts Street in downtown Lawrence.
Above, students line up for tickets at the Granada, a dance club.
Right, the Douglas County Courthouse in downtown Lawrence.



Lawrence is home to two universities: the University of Kansas and Haskell Indian Nations University. Because it is a small city (80,000 people) with a large student population, Lawrence has a small-town, friendly atmosphere and many of the attractions of a big city.

Lawrence has a reputation for attracting up-and-coming musical groups to play in its small theatres. The city also is known for its arts scene and for the downtown specialty shops, coffee houses, and restaurants that cater to students.

The city has swimming pools, more than 30 public parks, a public library, a historical museum, arts center, and active community and recreation programs.

Topeka, the state capital, is 25 miles west of Lawrence. Kansas City, home to the KU Medical Center, is only a 40-minute drive from Lawrence. The Kansas City metropolitan area has a population of 1.5 million and many fine restaurants and shopping areas.

Popular events include the Kansas City Jazz Festival, Renaissance Festival, Royals baseball, and Chiefs football, and popular attractions include the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City's jazz museum, Union Station, Science City, and the Kansas City Museum of History and Science. The State Ballet of Missouri, Kansas City Symphony, and many other groups present dance, music, and theatre.