FAQs

The tests

Q. How often is the Aptitude test given?
A. Three times during each academic year.

Q. Can a student re-sit the test?
A. A student can start taking the test from year 12. The test can be taken up to three times.

Q. Is the test important?
A. The test is a pre-requisite to enroll at Kuwait University. Enrollment is based on an equivalent percentage, which is calculated using the test results.

Q. How is the equivalent percentage calculated?
A. The equivalent percentage is a fraction of the secondary school final grade in addition to the aptitude test results. The outcome will be applied for KU enrollment.

Q. How does the aptitude test affect the secondary school grade?
A. As an equivalent percentage is calculated, the higher the student scores in the test, the higher the final grade will be and vice versa.
Q. Can a student apply to KU without taking the test?
A. Yes, but only if the secondary school grade permits.

Q. What tests are required for each college?
A.
Q. Does the test affect enrollment to other institutions?
A. The tests are only accepted in KU and the Public Authority for
Applied Education and Training (Paaet).

Q. What is the passing score for each test?
A. 60% for English.
   50% for Maths, Chemistry, French and Arabic.

Q. Do the tests affect students applying to Art and Humanity
    colleges?
A. Yes. The equivalent percentage is applied to all students,
hence all students should sit the tests.

Q. Can a student already enrolled at KU sit the French test?
A. Yes. Any enrolled student who needs the French test may take
it.

Q. What happens if a student fails all attempts at the test?
A. The equivalent percentage will be calculated based on the
highest scores for that particular student.
Q. Can a KU enrolled student sit the tests?
A. No. Once you become a student at KU, it will not be possible to register for the tests. The only exception is French.

Q. How does a student obtain the test results?
A. Results are published on the University website:
   http://kuweb.ku.edu.kw/coem

Q. How does a student obtain samples of the test?
A. Via the University website:
   http://kuweb.ku.edu.kw/coem

Q. Are there any help sessions to prepare for the tests?
A. Yes, there are various help sessions conducted for the tests; however, they are not affiliated to the Center of Evaluation and Measurement.

Q. Which colleges do not require the tests?
A. The college of Science is the only college that does not use equivalent percentage. However, even then, a student will have to take remedial courses if the tests are not taken.
Test registration

Q. How does a student register for the Aptitude test?
A. Registration is online via the address below:

https://portal.ku.edu.kw/placement

Q. How does a student log in?
A. The username is the student’s civil id number and the password is the last five digits of the civil id number.

Q. What is required during registration for the tests?
A. 1. The student’s civil id number for logging in.

2. The student’s passport, to fill in his/her details. The name in English should match that in the passport.

3. A scanned or downloaded personal photograph.

4. An ATM card to enable payment. Each subject costs 5KD. NB: Payment is through k-net only.

5. A printer to print the entrance form.
Q. What should a student do if his username is not accepted during log in?
A. The student must press the “create new user” tab and enter the required information.

Q. Must a photograph be uploaded?
A. Yes. This is essential and the student will not be able to proceed to the registration page without it.

Q. Why is the system not accepting the picture?
A. The picture should be saved as jpeg and must not exceed 2MB.

Q. Why is the system not accepting payment?
A. If funds are available, the student must ensure all details are filled in accurately.

Q. How does the student obtain the testing information?
A. All the test information is printed clearly on the entrance form. This form should be printed after completing payment of registration. Further, a student cannot enter the test room without it.