Orientation

First Year Experience

Dear new Buckeye,

Welcome to The Ohio State University!

We believe your first year is an especially important time for establishing a strong foundation that is built by making supportive connections and learning about and using Ohio State’s vast array of opportunities and resources.

Successful students will tell you that this cannot be accomplished without asking lots of questions, working with academic advisors, and getting to know faculty, staff and peers. At orientation, you’ll get a chance to do all of those things.

You were admitted to Ohio State because you have the talent, skills and motivation to be a successful student. We recognize that venturing into a new environment is challenging, and we are prepared to help you make the most of your Ohio State experience.

See you at orientation!

Bernie Savarese
Director of Orientation and First Year Experience

Your orientation program date

Your orientation program is designed around your major or academic program.

Check in for Orientation at Morrill Tower. Refer to page 7 for driving and parking directions.

Log in to the reservation site using your Ohio State username or OSU ID number.

My orientation dates:

Day 1: _________________

Check-in time: __________

Day 2: _________________

After you register online, record your orientation dates in this box. Remember to bring this information packet with you to campus when you come for orientation.
Orientation overview
Ohio State’s orientation program aims to get new Buckeyes off to a strong start. During orientation you will:

- Learn what is expected of you as an Ohio State student both in and out of the classroom.
- Become more familiar with campus.
- Meet other incoming Ohio State students.
- Attend group advising sessions to learn more about your major/academic program and to schedule classes.
- Complete university business, such as getting your BuckID and consulting with Student Financial Aid.
- Complete any necessary placement tests.
- Get questions answered and hear advice from FYE Peer Leaders—students who have been in your shoes!

Attendance and participation

Students
Orientation is required for all new students, and you are expected to participate in all orientation activities. Should you miss any of the scheduled sessions, you may be required to return for another orientation program.

Families
We recognize the important role family members play in the success of our students. We encourage parents or other adult family members to attend orientation with their new student. Guests can view a list of area accommodations at uhdcolumbus.com/hotels.html.

Orientation cost
Your autumn semester Statement of Account will show a one-time $50 University Orientation fee. You will also pay the following applicable expenses at check-in.

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Enable your BuckeyeMail account
To enable your Ohio State email, go to my.osu.edu and log in using your Ohio State username (lastname.#) and password. Click “Change Email Delivery” and follow the directions. To check your email, log in at buckeyemail.osu.edu using your username and password.

If you still need to activate your Ohio State username, go to my.osu.edu and click “Activate Now.” Select “Request an Activation Code” and follow the instructions. You will use your Ohio State username and password to reserve your orientation program, check your financial aid status, take the math placement exam and receive your housing assignment.

If you experience problems activating your username, contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-HELP (4357) or by TDD at 614-688-8743.

Reserve your orientation dates
Reserve your orientation dates prior to making any travel arrangements; we cannot guarantee that orientation dates will be available to accommodate prior travel arrangements.

1. Check the accuracy of the major/academic program printed on the inside cover of this brochure. If this information is incorrect, contact Orientation at 614-292-4161 or orientation@osu.edu before proceeding.

2. Consult with your guests about their availability; once you have reserved a program it cannot be changed online.

3. Go to orientation.osu.edu/reservations.

4. Log in to the Applicant Center with your Ohio State username and password and click on the Orientation Information link to register for a program.

5. Reserve your orientation date for your major/academic program. Since you register for classes at orientation, the earlier you are able to attend orientation, the more flexibility you’ll have in scheduling classes for your first semester. Attend the earliest orientation date by which you can complete your math placement exam (if required) and transfer credit evaluations.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The online reservation system will only show available orientation dates for your major/academic program. (This may include changes or additions to what is printed on the inside cover of this brochure.) Once a program is full, it will not show as available.

6. Upon successfully reserving a program online, you will see an online confirmation. Print out your orientation confirmation and write your confirmed dates in the designated space on the inside cover of this brochure. You will not be mailed confirmation information; however, you can visit orientation.osu.edu/reservations to view your confirmation at any time.

The online confirmation contains a link to reserving orientation housing and meals (the student package). You can return to the confirmation page any time to access the housing link. Please reserve housing no later than two weeks before your orientation date.

Contact University Housing at 614-292-8266 if you experience problems reserving orientation housing.
Prepare for orientation

☐ Take the math placement exam

Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement to find instructions for logging into and completing the exam.

Unless you have college credit for a specific Ohio State mathematics class (through college course work, Advanced Placement testing or International Baccalaureate higher-level exams), you must take the online math placement exam at least two business days prior to your orientation date. Otherwise, plan to report to Morrill Tower at 2:30 p.m. the day before your orientation program to complete it.

We recommend that you prepare for the exam since you cannot retake it. Math placement will determine not only your starting place in Ohio State’s math sequence, but also impacts your eligibility for several science courses.

☐ Request AP/IB test scores

Ohio State awards credit for outstanding scores on AP and several higher-level IB exams; be sure to have an official copy of your scores sent directly to Ohio State, including scores received before your senior year of high school.

☐ Request college transcripts

In order to receive transfer credit for college classes you’ve taken, you must request official transcripts to be sent directly from the college where you completed your college work to Ohio State. Courses listed on your high school transcript will not meet this requirement. If college transcripts have not already been sent to Undergraduate Admissions, have them sent to The Ohio State University, Undergraduate Admissions, P.O. Box 182646, Columbus, OH 43218-2646.

☐ Arrange for disability services

If you or a guest need accommodations, call Orientation or fill out the Disability Request Form at orientation.osu.edu/forms/request.asp at least two weeks in advance. Students with disabilities can make testing arrangements by calling Caitlyn McCandless in the Ohio State Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307.

☐ Review Buckeye Link (buckeyelink.osu.edu) and your college’s preparation website

Familiarize yourself with the course requirements of your academic area and Buckeye Link, buckeyelink.osu.edu. You will be expected to use Buckeye Link at orientation to search for and schedule classes.

Spend time looking at the resources listed at orientation.osu.edu/preparation. These resources will help you ask questions of your academic advisors, give you informed control over your course schedule and help you get comfortable with scheduling at orientation. Students who take time to prepare for orientation get more out of their experiences and complete course enrollment more efficiently.

☐ Check your Ohio State email

Your Ohio State email will be used by the university for all official correspondence about grades, course schedules, financial aid, housing and more. It’s a good idea to check your Ohio State email at least once a week prior to starting classes and daily during the semester.

☐ Complete the Campus Clarity online training

All new students will complete online training that addresses stalking, abusive relationships and sexual violence on campus. You will receive an email sent to your university email account from admin@campusclarity.com with a link to access the training and instructions for completing it. You’re expected to complete the online training prior to your assigned program date since these topics will be reviewed at orientation.

Didn’t get the email invitation? See the FAQs on page 6.

☐ Complete your vaccination requirement

Students new to Ohio State’s Columbus campus and/or all students residing in university housing for autumn semester 2016 must meet vaccination requirements.

Learn more and download required forms at go.osu.edu/vaccination.

Student Health Services offers required vaccines, and you can obtain vaccines while on campus for orientation. For more information or to set up an appointment, call 614-292-4321 or email shs@osu.edu.

Do the following one or two days before your orientation.

☐ Download the orientation guide

(optional, but highly recommended)

The orientation guide helps you personalize your orientation schedule, provides interactive maps of campus and connects you with other new Buckeyes attending orientation. An interactive to-do list can help you prepare for orientation.

To download the free guide to your mobile device (or computer), search for “Ohio State Events” in the Apple, Google or Amazon app stores or at guidebook.com/guides. Once you have the app, download the “Orientation” guide.

“The orientation program really helps prepare incoming students for college life and shows them what to expect when they arrive.”
 Prepare questions you want answered at orientation
Orientation is your opportunity to learn (almost) everything you need to know in order to have a successful start at Ohio State in the fall. Jot down your questions and bring your list with you to orientation to be sure ALL your questions are asked and answered.

 Pack overnight and other essential items
- Payment for orientation meals, housing and parking (checks, Visa, MasterCard, cash accepted)
- A battery-operated calculator, if taking the math placement exam on campus
- A driver’s license, state ID or passport required to get your BuckID
- Ohio State username and password
- Placement code from the math placement exam and, if applicable, information from the pre-orientation website for your major
- A backpack or book bag
- A sweatshirt or jacket (some rooms are very chilly)
- Rain gear or umbrella
- Comfortable shoes and casual clothing for extensive walking and some stair climbing
- A list of questions you want answered while on campus
- Paper, pens and pencils for note-taking and evaluations
- Refillable water bottle
- If you will be staying in the residence halls, bring clothes hangers and an alarm clock. Bed and bath linens are provided, but we recommend that you bring an additional blanket.

Pack AP or IB scores and/or college transcripts (if applicable)
Bring scores from AP and IB testing with you so you can be placed into appropriate courses for your first semester even if Ohio State has not yet evaluated the official copy of your scores. Bring a copy of your college transcript if your official college transcript will be sent to Ohio State after May 1.

Double check when you need to arrive for the first day of orientation
If you need to test in English and/or Latin, plan to check in at 7:30 a.m. Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement to find details about what testing you must complete.

Review travel and parking directions (see page 7)
What if I’m having problems with the math placement exam?
If you experience problems during the exam, go back to https://buckeyelink3.osu.edu/secure/math, log in and return to the last question you answered. Your answers should be saved; if the exam reverts to the first question, scroll forward to the last question you answered.
If this doesn’t work or your time has run out, or if you experience any other difficulties during the exam, contact the Office of Testing as soon as possible:
- Call 614-292-2241 (weekdays 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)
- Email testing@esue.ohio-state.edu

What does my math placement code mean?
After completing the exam, you will receive a math course code that indicates your placement level. Bring your code with you; the advising staff at orientation will review your code with you to help you register for the appropriate math and/or science courses.
In some cases, the exam will not be able to determine a math placement level. If this happens, you will be given a placement level U (“undetermined”) instead of a math course code. If your placement level is U, you must take an alternate exam at orientation.

Do I have to take the English or foreign language placement tests?
Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement to view requirements that determine if you need to take these placement tests. If required, foreign language placement testing and English testing will be done during the orientation program.

What happens if I do not receive or have deleted my invitation email from Campus Clarity?
Visit campusclarity.com/signup and enter your Ohio State email address (name.#@osu.edu) to receive another invitation email. For technical support, contact Campus Clarity at admin@campusclarity.com or 800-652-9546 (weekdays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. PST).

What information is available for veterans?
Ohio State offers enrollment certification for students who participate in the GI Bill program and support programs for veterans and military students. Visit veterans.osu.edu for more information or email Mike Forrest, forrest.73@osu.edu.

Can I order football tickets?
A limited number of student football tickets will be available online for incoming students in early June. Since demand for these football tickets may exceed the supply, students are encouraged to order early. Once the supply of tickets has been exhausted, the sale will end. For ticket information, visit ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets.
Direct further questions to the Athletics Ticket Office: 1-800-GO-BUCKS (462-8257) or athletic.tix@osu.edu.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?
Depending on what day and time you’re calling, leave a message at one of the following numbers (these phone lines are active June 1 through July 24):
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M—F: 614-292-3324
After hours (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.) beginning Sunday evening through Friday morning: 614-292-8205

### Orientation schedule

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<td>7:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Orientation check-in for students who need to complete English or Latin testing; all other students should arrive by 8:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>5 p.m.</td>
<td>End of last scheduled session for family members</td>
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<td>6:15 p.m.</td>
<td>“Get Involved” session for students</td>
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<td>7:30—11 p.m.</td>
<td>Evening social activities for students</td>
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<td>8 a.m.</td>
<td>Optional sessions for students and families</td>
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<td>9 a.m.</td>
<td>First required session for students</td>
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<td>3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>End of last scheduled session for students and family members</td>
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At orientation you will learn how to make a successful academic and social transition to your new campus community. A more detailed schedule—including session descriptions—will be available online in late May.
Important information about construction and traffic
You may experience delays due to road construction in and around Columbus. Please use the following directions to get to campus rather than using the highway directional signs. For information on statewide road conditions, call 1-888-2OH-ROAD or go to www.ohgo.com for real-time Ohio traffic updates.

Getting to campus

From the north:
Take any major highway to I-270.
Take I-270 to SR 315 south.
Exit at Lane Avenue and turn left.

From the south:
Take any major highway to I-71 north.
Take I-71 north to SR 315 north.
Exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.

From Port Columbus International Airport:
Take I-670 west to SR 315 north.
Exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.
If you are taking a taxi from the airport, ask to be dropped off at Morrill Tower, not the parking lot.

From the west:
Take any major highway to I-70 east.
Take I-70 east to SR 315 north.
Exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.

From the east:
Take any major highway to I-70 west.
Take I-70 west to SR 315 north.
Exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.

Getting to Morrill Tower

Driving to Sisson Hall Parking Lot
1920 Coffey Rd., Columbus, 43210

From Lane Avenue, turn right on Tuttle Park Place.
Turn right onto Woody Hayes Drive.
Turn left onto Coffey Road.
Turn left into the Sisson Hall Parking Lot.

Look for Orientation staff in the parking lot Monday through Thursday, 7–9:30 a.m. They will hand out parking passes and clarify check-in instructions.

Walking to Morrill Tower
1900 Cannon Dr., Columbus, 43210

Exit the lot heading south. Take the footbridge east across the Olentangy River. Morrill Tower will be in front of you.
Follow signs directing you to the preferred entrance.

Contact information for campus offices and resources

Disability Services, Office for
ods.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-3307

First Year Experience
fye.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-3324

Identity and Access Management (username and webmail)
my.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-688-HELP

Military and Veteran Services
veterans.osu.edu .......................................................... 614-247-VETS

Off-campus housing and commuter services
offcampus.osu.edu .......................................................... 614-292-0100

Orientation
orientation.osu.edu .................................................. 614-292-4161

Student Financial Aid (Student Service Center)
sfa.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-0300

Student Health Services
shs.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-2112

Student Service Center
ssc.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-0300

Student organizations
ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs ..................................... 614-292-7924

Testing
registrar.osu.edu/testing ............................................. 614-292-2241

Transfer credit
registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit ................................... 614-292-3980

Transportation and Traffic Management
ttm.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-9341

Undergraduate Admissions
undergrad.osu.edu .................................................. 614-292-3980

University Housing
housing.osu.edu ...................................................... 614-292-8266

University information
osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-OHIO

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Ohio State does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status in its programs, activities, employment, and admission.