TIME-SENSITIVE ORIENTATION INFORMATION

Reserve your orientation program no later than <<duedate>>!

ORIENTATION 2018

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

WILL IT BE YOU?

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
DEAR <FIRST-NAME>,
Welcome to The Ohio State University!
We look forward to welcoming you in person to the Buckeye family at your upcoming orientation program, and we know you’re looking forward to orientation, too.

There’s a lot to be excited about. The foundation for your Ohio State experience is built at orientation. Your orientation program will provide the opportunity for you to connect with the people and resources that will support you during your collegiate experience, and it will offer you answers for the important questions that you have.

You will learn more about the university, meet with your academic advisor and schedule classes for your first semester, and get to know faculty, staff and your peers.

In short, we believe that your orientation program will set you up for success at Ohio State.

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.

We can’t wait to see you at orientation!

Catherine P. Montalto
Director, First Year Experience

YOUR ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATE

<first-name>, your orientation program is designed around your major or academic program, so it is urgent that you verify your information below. If this information is incorrect, please contact University Orientation immediately. Make note of your orientation registration deadline: <<duedate>>.

Major/academic program:
<<Plan1>>
<<AOI_label>>
<<AOI_conjoined>>

Based on your major/academic program, you will attend an orientation for:
<<Adv_Group>> – <<Adv_Group_Descr>>

Orientation for <<Adv_Group_Descr>> will be held on the following dates:
<<Dates>>
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Check in for orientation at Morrill Tower. Refer to page 7 for driving and parking directions.

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Log in to the reservation site using your Ohio State username or OSU ID number: <<ID>>

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, like getting your BuckID, receiving your iPad Pro and consulting with staff about 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, so we encourage parents or other adult family members to attend orientation with their new student. While residence hall accommodations are available only for students, guests can find other accommodations near campus at uhdcolumbus.com.

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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SET UP YOUR BUCKEYEMAIL ACCOUNT
To set up 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 while activating your username, contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-HELP (4357) or 8help@osu.edu.

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 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 (if applicable).

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 in to 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 course 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, ask each institution you attended to send an electronic transcript to Ohio State.

☐ Arrange for disability services
If you or a guest need accommodations (transportation, interpretation, accessible media, etc.), call Orientation or visit go.osu.edu/orientationdisabilityrequest to fill out the Disability Request Form at least two weeks in advance. Students with disabilities who need to make arrangements for testing accommodations should call Michelle Salomone in the Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307.

☐ Upload your BuckID photo
To receive your BuckID at orientation, visit myphoto.osu.edu to submit a photo and other required documentation. Please allow at least two weeks for processing. If you have questions about online photo submission, contact the BuckID office at 614-292-0400 or buckidcardservices@osu.edu.

☐ Review buckeyelink.osu.edu and your college’s preparation website
Familiarize yourself with the course requirements of your academic area and buckeyelink.osu.edu. You will be expected to use buckeyelink.osu.edu 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 required online training
New students will be required to complete online training that addresses stalking, abusive relationships and sexual violence on college campuses through an online module called U Got This! You will receive an email sent to your Buckeyemail account with a link to access the training and instructions for completing it when the training is available. More information will be available in your To Do List on My Buckeye Link.

☐ Complete your vaccination requirement
Students new to Ohio State’s Columbus campus and/or all students residing in university housing 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.

**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 and iPad Pro technology package)
- 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.

**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.

Please note that late arrival may delay the receipt of your iPad Pro technology package.

**Review travel and parking directions (see page 7)**

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What happens if I can’t reserve or need to change the date of my orientation?**

If you experience problems while reserving your orientation date online, need to make any changes or are unable to attend any of the dates available for your major/academic program, contact Orientation as soon as possible.

**What should I do if I want to change my major?**

If you decide you want to change your major before, during or after orientation, it is very important that you call or email the orientation office as soon as possible, as your area of study impacts your orientation date and course registration for your first semester.

**What components of orientation are required?**

We believe that all aspects of the orientation program are crucial to a successful transition to Ohio State, and we know the time demands of a two-day program may be difficult for some families. Day One and Day Two both have required programming. Programming for families ends by 5 p.m. on Day One. Activities for students after 7:30 p.m. on Day One are optional, but strongly encouraged. Call or email the orientation office if you anticipate needing to miss other sessions within your two-day program.

**Are guests required to come to orientation? Can I bring more than two guests?**

Guests are not required to come to orientation, but it can be helpful to have an additional set of eyes and ears on campus to gather information. Several sessions at orientation are designed exclusively for guests, but students can pick up materials from these sessions to take home to share.

You are able to register up to two guests online; if you wish to bring more than two guests to orientation, contact the orientation program and our staff can add additional guests for you.

**Will I have the opportunity to see my assigned residence hall room while I’m on campus for orientation?**

The orientation program includes time during the afternoon on Day One for you to see a sample residence hall room on north campus and/or on south campus; however, in order to maintain the security of our residence halls and the safety of our residents, you will not be permitted to see your actual residence hall room or, possibly, the building.

**Why do I have to take the math placement exam?**

The math placement exam is a tool that determines your starting place in Ohio State’s math sequence and impacts your eligibility for several science courses. No course credit is given for the exam, nor will it necessarily fulfill any math requirements.
What if I’m having problems with the math placement exam?  
If you experience problems during the exam, go back to go.osu.edu/mathtest, 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.


ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

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<td>Orientation check-in for students who need to complete English or Latin testing; all other students should arrive by their assigned time (indicated on My Buckeye Link)</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 by late May.

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.

Am I really getting an iPad Pro at orientation?  
Yes! You are part of the first class of Ohio State students to receive a common set of technology through the Digital Flagship University initiative, an unprecedented effort to integrate learning technology throughout the university experience—both in and out of the classroom. Learn more about the initiative at go.osu.edu/digitalflagship.

Can I order football tickets?  
A limited number of student football tickets will be available online for incoming students beginning May 29. 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. The Athletics Ticket Office will email information to all eligible students (to the student’s Buckeyemail account) in mid-May.

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 May 29 through July 24):
- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M–F: 614-292-4161
- After hours (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.) beginning Sunday evening through Friday afternoon: 614-292-8205
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 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, then left onto Coffey Road. The Sisson Hall Parking Lot will be on your left.
Orientation staff in the parking lot 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

Buckeye Link
buckeyelink.osu.edu .............................................. 614-292-0300
Disability Services, Office for
ods.osu.edu .......................................................... 614-292-3307
Diversity and Inclusion, Office of
odi.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-0964
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
Multicultural Center
mcc.osu.edu ............................................................ 614-688-8449
Off-campus housing and commuter services
offcampus.osu.edu ................................................. 614-292-0100
Orientation
orientation.osu.edu ................................................. 614-292-4161

Student Financial Aid (Buckeye Link)
sfa.osu.edu ............................................................. 614-292-0300
Student Health Services
shs.osu.edu ............................................................. 614-292-2112
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.
TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL!

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CAN’T WAIT FOR SCHOOL TO START?
Build on your orientation experience and meet new Buckeyes through summer trips just for first-year students.
Learn more at fye.osu.edu/programs.