TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION
Reserve your orientation program no later than <<duedate>>!

Orientation
2019

First Year Experience
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Welcome to The Ohio State University!

You’re joining the Buckeye community at an exciting time: Throughout your first year on campus, Ohio State will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. We’ll mark the sesquicentennial by honoring the university’s past — and by celebrating Ohio State’s exciting future.

As a new Buckeye, you’ll be part of that future. And the foundation for your Ohio State experience will be built at orientation.

We know that venturing into a new environment can be challenging. We also know that you were admitted to Ohio State because you have the talent, skills and motivation to succeed.

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You’ll get to know faculty, staff and your peers.

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

We’re excited to welcome you in person to the Buckeye family. See you at orientation!

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Director, First Year Experience

YOUR ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATE

Day 1: __________
Check-in time: __________
Day 2: __________

After you register online, record your orientation dates in this box. Remember to bring this booklet with you to campus when you come for orientation.

ORIENTATION COST

Your autumn semester Statement of Account will show a one-time $50 University Orientation fee. That’s separate from charges you’ll pay at check-in, which include the following:

- Parking: Estimated; more information about paying for parking during your orientation program will be provided later via email
- Student package: Includes overnight accommodations, lunch and dinner on Day One, and breakfast on Day Two
- Student lunch for Day One: Required for those who don’t purchase the student package
- Guest lunch for Day One: Recommended for guests

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.

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.

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2. Check your guests’ availability; once you’ve reserved a program, it cannot be changed online.
3. Go to orientation.osu.edu/reservations.
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5. Reserve your orientation dates for your major or academic program. Since you’ll register for classes at orientation, the earlier you’re able to attend, the more flexibility you’ll have in scheduling classes for your first semester. You should attend the earliest program by which you can complete the math placement exam (if required) and transfer credit evaluations (if applicable).

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Do the following in the weeks leading up to orientation.

☐ Take the math placement exam

Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement to find instructions for logging in and completing the exam. Unless you already have college credit for a specific Ohio State math course (through college course work, Advanced Placement testing, International Baccalaureate higher-level exams), you must take the online math placement exam at least two business days before your orientation date. Your results on the math placement exam will determine both your starting place in Ohio State’s math sequence and your eligibility for several science courses. Since you cannot retake the exam, be sure to prepare accordingly. Find sample problems and exam topics at go.osu.edu/mathtestprep.

☐ Determine if you’re required to take English or foreign language placement exams at orientation

Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement to determine if you need to take an English or foreign language placement exam. If necessary, you’ll complete these exams during your orientation program.

☐ Request AP or IB test scores

Ohio State credits 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 any 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 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 your college transcripts have not already been sent to Undergraduate Admissions, ask each institution you attended to send an electronic transcript to Ohio State as soon as possible. Find instructions for sending transcripts to Ohio State at go.osu.edu/transfer_credit.

☐ Upload your BuckID photo

To receive your BuckID during your orientation program, visit myphoto.osu.edu and submit a passport-style photo and other required documentation at least two weeks before your program dates. Read the directions carefully; submitting an improperly formatted photo may delay your BuckID application. If you have questions, contact the BuckID Office at 614-292-0400 or buckidcardservice@osu.edu.

☐ Check your university email address

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

☐ Complete your vaccination requirement

Students new to the Columbus campus and all students residing in university housing must meet the university’s vaccination requirements. Learn more and download the required forms at go.osu.edu/vaccination. Student Health Services offers the required vaccines, and you can obtain your vaccinations while on campus for your orientation program. To schedule an appointment, contact Student Health Services at 614-292-4321 or shs@osu.edu.

☐ 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! Information on accessing and completing the training will be sent to your university email address when the module is available. More information will also be available in your To Do List on My BuckeyeLink.

☐ Review your major course requirements and familiarize yourself with buckeyelink.osu.edu

You can likely find the course requirements for your major or academic program on your college’s website. Take some time before your orientation program to familiarize yourself with the course work you’ll be expected to complete. Then, explore buckeyelink.osu.edu. You’ll use this site during your orientation program (and throughout your time at Ohio State) to search for and schedule classes.

You should also visit orientation.osu.edu/preparation and explore the resources listed there. These will help you know what questions to ask your academic advisors and prepare you to make informed decisions about your course work when you build your first semester’s schedule at orientation.

☐ Prepare questions you want answered at orientation

Orientation is your opportunity to learn almost everything you need to know to successfully get started at Ohio State in the fall. Jot down your questions and bring your list with you to campus to be sure that you get the answers you need.

☐ Pack essential items and information

• A backpack or book bag
• A refillable water bottle
• Paper, pens and pencils for note-taking and evaluations
• Comfortable shoes and casual clothing (you’ll be doing a lot of walking and some stair climbing)
• A sweatshirt or jacket (some rooms are very chilly)
• Rain gear or an umbrella
• Clothes hangers and an alarm clock (if you’ll be staying in the residence halls)
• An extra blanket (bed and bath linens are provided)
• Payment for orientation meals and housing (checks and major credit cards accepted)
• Payment for parking on campus (more information will be provided later via email)
• A driver’s license, state ID or passport (required to get your BuckID and iPad Pro technology package)
• Your Ohio State username and password
• Information from the pre-orientation website for your major (if applicable)
• Your placement code from the math placement exam
• A battery-operated calculator (if you’re taking the math placement exam on campus)

☐ Pack AP or IB scores and college transcripts

If you have them, bring your scores from AP and IB testing with you to campus; this will ensure that you’re placed in the appropriate courses for your first semester even if Ohio State has not yet evaluated the official copy of your scores.

☐ Confirm your arrival time for Day One

If you need to test in English, Latin or math, plan to check in at 7:30 a.m. You can find the details about required testing at orientation.osu.edu/placement.

Otherwise, you can confirm your arrival time on My BuckeyeLink page at buckeyelink.osu.edu.

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

☐ Review travel and parking directions on page seven

If you experience problems while reserving your program online, you need to make any changes, or you’re unable to attend any of the dates available for your major or academic program, contact University Orientation as soon as possible. What should I do if I want to change my major?

If you decide to change your major after becoming a student, during or after orientation, it’s important that you contact the orientation office as soon as possible. Your area of study impacts your available orientation dates 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. We also know the time demands of a two-day program may be difficult for some families. There is required programming on both days. On Day One, programming for families ends by 5 p.m., and activities for students after 7:30 p.m. are optional (but we strongly encourage attending)! If you’ll need to miss other sessions during the two-day program, you may be able to reschedule; contact the orientation office for help.

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. Required sessions at orientation are designed exclusively for guests, but students can pick up materials from these sessions to take home to share.

When you register for an orientation program online, you can also register up to two guests. If you wish to bring more than two guests to your program, contact the orientation office; 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 on Day One for you to see a residence hall room on west or south campus. However, to maintain the security of our residence halls and the safety of our residents, you’ll not be permitted to see your actual residence hall room or, likely, inside the building.

Am I really getting an iPad Pro at orientation?

Students who graduated from high school in 2018 or 2019 will receive a common set of technology (including an iPad Pro) through the Digital Flagship initiative, Ohio State’s unprecedented effort to integrate learning technology throughout the university experience. Learn more about the technology and information at go.osu.edu/digitalflagship.

Why do I have to take the math placement exam?

The math placement exam 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.
How do I make disability accommodations?
If you or a guest need accommodations (transportation, interpretation, accessible media, etc.), contact University Orientation or visit go.osu.edu/orientationdisabilityrequest to fill out the Disability Request Form at least two weeks in advance of your orientation program. Students who need to make arrangements for testing accommodations should contact Michelle Salomone in Student Life Disability Services at 614-292-3307 or salome6@osu.edu.

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

Can I order football tickets?
A limited number of student football tickets will be available online for incoming students beginning May 20. 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 send information to all eligible students’ university email accounts in mid-May.

For ticket information, visit ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets.
Direct further questions to the Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-GO-BUCKS (462-8257) or athletics.tix@osu.edu.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?
Depending on when you’re calling, leave a message at one of the following numbers (these phone lines are active from May 28 through July 26):
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: 614-292-7711
Sunday evening through Friday afternoon, after hours (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.): 614-292-4161

Getting to the North Recreation Center
Driving to the Lane Avenue Garage
2105 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210
From Lane Avenue, turn right onto Fyffe Road. Turn left onto Woody Hayes Drive, then left again onto Tuttle Park Place. Turn right onto Neil Avenue, and the Lane Avenue Garage will be on your left.

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.

If you are taking a taxi from the airport, ask to be dropped off at the North Recreation Center, not the parking lot.

Contact Information for Campus Offices and Resources
Buckeye Link
buckeyelinkelementaryMoscowosu.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
fy.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
ohiou.osu.edu/studentorgs………………………………………614-292-7924
Testing
register.osu.edu/testing………………………………………614-292-2241
Transfer credit
transfer.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 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.
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.

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