

# TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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

# Transfer Student Orientation 2019

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First Year Experience



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

DEAR <FIRST-NAME>,

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.

During your orientation program, you'll find answers for your important questions, and you'll connect with the people and resources that will be there to support you during your collegiate experience. You'll meet with your academic advisor to schedule classes for your first semester. You'll learn more about the university. 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!



Catherine P. Montalto  
Director, First Year Experience

## YOUR TRANSFER 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 or academic program:

<<Plan1>>

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<<AOI\_conjoined>>

Based on your major or 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>>

Check in for transfer orientation at Hitchcock Hall. Parking is available at the Tuttle Park Place Garage. Refer to page seven 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 date is:

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

## ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

Orientation at Ohio State helps new Buckeyes get off to a strong start. As a transfer student, you already have some college experience — so your transfer orientation program will focus on your needs as a new Buckeye.

Your orientation is a one-day program beginning at 7:30 or 8:45 a.m., depending on your testing needs. For most students, orientation activities end by 4 p.m.

During orientation, you will:

- Receive information about the many campus resources available to Ohio State students.
- Become more familiar with campus.
- Meet other incoming Ohio State students.
- Attend group advising sessions to learn more about your major or academic program and to schedule classes.
- Complete university business, like getting your BuckID and consulting with staff about financial aid.
- Complete any necessary placement tests.

## 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.

## ORIENTATION COST

Your first semester Statement of Account will show a \$25 orientation fee, which covers our administrative costs. Additional expenses for the day include parking (\$10) and meals while on campus.

## SET UP YOUR BUCKYEMAIL ACCOUNT

To set up your Ohio State email, go to [my.osu.edu](http://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](http://buckeyemail.osu.edu) using your username and password.

If you still need to activate your Ohio State username, go to [my.osu.edu](http://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](mailto: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 or academic program printed on page two. If this information is incorrect, contact University Orientation at 614-292-4161 or [orientation@osu.edu](mailto:orientation@osu.edu) before proceeding.
2. Check your guests' availability; once you've reserved a program, it cannot be changed online.
3. Go to [orientation.osu.edu/reservations](http://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 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.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration system will only show available orientation dates for your major or academic program. (This may include changes or additions to the dates printed on page two.) Once a program is full, it will no longer show as available.

6. When you've successfully reserved a program, you'll see a confirmation page. You should print this page for your records. You can also visit [orientation.osu.edu/reservations](http://orientation.osu.edu/reservations) to view your confirmation at any time. Be sure to also record your confirmed program date in the designated space on page two of this booklet!

## PREPARE FOR ORIENTATION

Do the following in the weeks leading up to orientation.

### Review your Transfer Credit Report

Your Transfer Credit Report indicates how the courses you completed at other institutions transferred to Ohio State. It will also help you determine if any of your credits need further evaluation before your orientation program.

Generate your report at [registrar.osu.edu/transfer\\_credit](https://registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit). Click "Understanding Your Transfer Credit Report" for help.

### Check if you need to take the math placement exam

Based on your Transfer Credit Report, **you're required to take the exam if:**

- You received no credit for math courses taken at your previous institution.
- You received only math transfer credit designated as special, technical or undefined technical.
- You received math transfer credit designated as general or deferred, and that credit has not been evaluated by an Ohio State math counselor. (To have your credit evaluated, visit [math.osu.edu/undergrad/transfer-credit](https://math.osu.edu/undergrad/transfer-credit).)
- You submitted your transcript(s) but were unable to access your Transfer Credit Report at least five days prior to your orientation program.

**You do not need to take the exam if:**

- You received credit for a specific Ohio State math course greater than or equal to Math 1050; statistics courses do not meet this requirement.
- You received math transfer credit designated as general or deferred, that credit has been evaluated by an Ohio State math counselor, and you've been exempted from the exam.
- You are a nontraditional student (age 23 or older) and you elect not to take the math placement exam. If you elect not to take the exam, you'll be placed in Math 1050, an introductory math course; if you wish to begin at a higher level, you must take the math placement exam.

### Take the math placement exam (if required)

Go to [orientation.osu.edu/placement](https://orientation.osu.edu/placement) to find instructions for logging in and completing the exam. You must take the online math placement exam at least two business days before your orientation date. You'll begin by taking Test B; if you score well, you'll be eligible to take Test D at orientation, which may result in a higher placement level.

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](https://go.osu.edu/mathtestprep).

### Determine if you're required to take English or foreign language placement exams at orientation

#### English placement exam

Based on your Transfer Credit Report, you're required to take the English placement exam if you received fewer than two semester hours of English composition credit.

You do not need to take the English placement exam if you received credit for English 1110, Ohio State's required first-year composition course.

#### Foreign language placement exams

Generally, you're required to take a foreign language placement exam if you studied a foreign language for at least two years in high school. The exam determines the course level at which you'll begin if you plan to study that language at Ohio State.

However, based on your Transfer Credit Report, you do not need to take a foreign language placement exam if you received credit for a foreign language. Additionally, if you graduated from high school more than five years ago, studied no single foreign language for at least two years in high school or have never formally studied a language, you are not required to take a foreign language placement exam.

### Request college transcripts

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](https://go.osu.edu/transfer_credit).

### Upload your BuckID photo

To receive your BuckID during your orientation program, visit [myphoto.osu.edu](https://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 [buckidcardservices@osu.edu](mailto:buckidcardservices@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](https://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](mailto: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 Buckeye Link.

Do the following one or two days before 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

Gather materials to bring with you to orientation, including the following:

- 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
- Payment for meals and \$10 for parking
- A driver's license, state ID or passport (required to get your BuckID)
- Your Ohio State username and password
- Your Transfer Credit Report and other admission and orientation materials you've received from Ohio State
- Your placement code from the math placement exam
- A battery-operated calculator (if you're taking the math placement exam on campus)

### Review travel and parking directions on page seven

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What happens if I can't reserve a program or need to change the date of my orientation?

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 before, 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.

### 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.

### What should I do if I'm having problems with the math placement exam?

If you experience problems during the exam, go back to [go.osu.edu/mathtest](https://go.osu.edu/mathtest), log in and return to the last question you answered. Your answers should be saved; scroll to the last question you answered and resume.

If this doesn't work, your time has run out, or you experience any other difficulties during the exam, contact the Office of Testing as soon as possible:

- Call 614-292-2241 (M–F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Email [esue-testing@osu.edu](mailto:esue-testing@osu.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 to orientation; advising staff will review your code with you to help you register for the appropriate math and 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'll be required to take an alternate exam at orientation.

### Do I have to take the English or foreign language placement exams?

Go to [orientation.osu.edu/placement](https://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.

Direct questions about the English placement exam to the Department of English at 614-292-6065.

Direct questions about foreign language placement testing to the Foreign Language Center at 614-292-4361.

### 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](http://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 [salome.6@osu.edu](mailto:salome.6@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](http://veterans.osu.edu) or email Mike Forrest at [forrest.73@osu.edu](mailto:forrest.73@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](http://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets). Direct further questions to the Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-GO-BUCKS (462-8257) or [athletic.tix@osu.edu](mailto:athletic.tix@osu.edu).

## 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 [ohgo.com](http://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 John Glenn 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 Hitchcock Hall, not the parking garage.

#### 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.

## ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	Orientation check-in for students who need to complete English or math placement testing
8 a.m.	Math placement exam — for those required to take the exam who either did not complete the exam online or received placement level U (undetermined)
8 a.m.	English placement exam (if required)
8:45 a.m.	Check-in for all other students
9:30 a.m.	Program welcome, general information and instructions
11:15 a.m.	Academic advising session and course scheduling (ending time determined by major or academic program)
Afternoon sessions	<p><b>Placement exams (if required):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign language testing — available from 12:30–4 p.m.</li> <li>English testing — available from 1:30–3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial aid consultations — available from 1–3 p.m.</li> <li>BuckID pickup — available until 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul>

### GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE HALL

#### Driving to Tuttle Park Place Garage

2050 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, OH 43210

From Lane Avenue, turn right on Tuttle Park Place. Tuttle Park Place Garage will be on your left. Please bring your parking ticket with you to be validated.

#### Walking to Hitchcock Hall

2070 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210

Exit the garage through the northwest exit and walk east on Ives Drive. Hitchcock Hall will be in front of you.

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CAMPUS OFFICES AND RESOURCES

Buckeye Link <a href="http://buckeyelink.osu.edu">buckeyelink.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-0300	Student Financial Aid (Buckeye Link) <a href="http://sfa.osu.edu">sfa.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-0300
Disability Services, Office for <a href="http://ods.osu.edu">ods.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-3307	Student Health Services <a href="http://shs.osu.edu">shs.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-2112
Diversity and Inclusion, Office of <a href="http://odi.osu.edu">odi.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-0964	Student organizations <a href="http://ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs">ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs</a> .....	614-292-7924
First Year Experience <a href="http://fye.osu.edu">fye.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-3324	Testing <a href="http://registrar.osu.edu/testing">registrar.osu.edu/testing</a> .....	614-292-2241
Identity and Access Management (username and webmail) <a href="http://my.osu.edu">my.osu.edu</a> .....	614-688-HELP	Transfer credit <a href="http://registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit">registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit</a> .....	614-292-3980
Military and Veteran Services <a href="http://veterans.osu.edu">veterans.osu.edu</a> .....	614-247-VETS	Transportation and Traffic Management <a href="http://ttm.osu.edu">ttm.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-9341
Multicultural Center <a href="http://mcc.osu.edu">mcc.osu.edu</a> .....	614-688-8449	Undergraduate Admissions <a href="http://undergrad.osu.edu">undergrad.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-3980
Off-campus housing and commuter services <a href="http://offcampus.osu.edu">offcampus.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-0100	University Housing <a href="http://housing.osu.edu">housing.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-8266
Orientation <a href="http://orientation.osu.edu">orientation.osu.edu</a> .....	614-292-4161	University information <a href="http://osu.edu">osu.edu</a> .....	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.



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