

BuckID

Along with the debit account function, students use their BuckID for access to buildings (including residence halls), for meals in campus dining facilities, for admission to athletic and other university-sponsored events, and for printing in the computer labs. Students can search a list of merchants who accept the BuckID as a form of payment, report a lost or stolen card, and check their transaction history and available balance at buckid.osu.edu. Anyone with the student's 19-digit BuckID account number can make an online deposit to the debit account.

As part of Ohio State's partnership with Huntington Bank, students who bank with Huntington can link their BuckID to their Huntington checking account. This allows students to use their BuckID as a PIN-based debit card. Once linked to a Huntington account, a BuckID can be used to access cash at an ATM or at stores that have a PIN pad at the point of sale. For more information, visit huntington.com/buckid.

Buckeye Link

Ohio State makes it easy for students to manage the business of being a Buckeye through buckeyelink.osu.edu. This self-service site provides tools and information to pay tuition and fees, track financial aid, register for classes, and more through the [Student Center](#). Buckeye Link also has answers to many questions and timely updates about students' accounts. Students will use Buckeye Link to accomplish the following:

Select/Waive Student Health Insurance

Students are automatically enrolled in the university's comprehensive Student Health Insurance Program and will select or waive insurance coverage annually online via the [Student Center](#). To waive student health insurance, a student will need to provide the address and phone number of his or her current insurance company, the policy holder ID number, and policy/group number.

View account

The Statement of Account, viewable on the [Student Center](#), includes detailed charges for tuition, fees, housing, and more. Students should check their account regularly as non-payment of accounts or other unmet obligations can delay registration and services or cancel enrollment.

Financial responsibility

Students must sign the Statement of Financial Responsibility through the [Student Center](#) each term and agree to assume full financial responsibility for all applicable fees. Failure to agree to the statement in a timely manner will result in a Registration Lock Hold that will prevent a student from registering or adding courses.

Make a payment

Fees may be paid using ePayment online. Cash is not accepted. Checks and money orders should be made payable to The Ohio State University and must include the student's ID number. Online payments may be made from a personal checking or personal savings account or valid credit card (MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted). Please note that credit card transactions incur a service fee.

Use ePayment:

- Sign into your [Student Center](#) via buckeyelink.osu.edu.
- Click the [Make Payment](#) button in the [Finances](#) section of your [Student Center](#) and choose from one of the payment options listed and follow the instructions.

Choose TOPP

The Tuition Option Payment Plan (TOPP) allows Ohio State students and their families to divide the cost of tuition, housing, and optional fees into installment payments. For the 2012–2013 academic year, the TOPP plan will consist of four payments per semester made every 30 days beginning with the fee payment deadline for the semester. The TOPP enrollment fee will be waived for the 2012–2013 year, but students must still enroll each semester to participate. To sign up, students will select the [Payment Plan](#) tab under [Account Inquiry](#) in the [Finances](#) section of their [Student Center](#). Payment dues dates will be noted on the Statement of Account.

Set up direct deposit

Students who anticipate receiving refunds because of financial aid or scholarship overages are strongly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit. To do so, select [Account Refund](#) on the [My Account](#) page in the [Finances](#) section of the [Student Center](#). Be sure the [Current Address](#) and [Permanent Address](#) are updated in the [Personal Information](#) section of the [Student Center](#) to avoid possible delays.

Fee payment policy

Tuition and all fees are due one week (seven calendar days) prior to the beginning of the term. Students participating in TOPP also must pay the first installment by the due date. For important dates and fee tables, go to registrar.osu.edu.

Late payment fee Students who fail to pay by the initial due date will be assessed a \$200 late fee, which will increase to \$300 if tuition and all fees are still not paid by the second Friday of the term. Students who have not paid tuition and fees by the second Friday of the term may be dropped from all enrollments for non-payment.

Re-enrollment fee Students dropped for non-payment will be assessed a \$300 fee to re-enroll in addition to any incurred late fees.

Forfeitures and refunds Students who drop below full time or withdraw from all classes after the first Friday of the term until the fourth Friday of the term will forfeit a percentage of their tuition and fees depending on when the drop or withdrawal occurs within that time frame.

Holds

Administrative holds, or Negative Service Indicators, are placed on records and accounts when you have an overdue debt or fine, fail to comply in a reasonable period of time with an obligation imposed under university rules, or have issues with your student record or account that need to be reviewed. An administrative hold may halt services such as registering or enrolling, receiving a transcript, viewing grades, or receiving a diploma upon graduation.

Account payment dates

	Payment deadline	\$200 late fee assessed	\$300 late fee assessed
Spring 2013	December 31, 2012	January 1, 2013	January 18
Summer 2013	June 3	June 4	June 21
Autumn 2013	August 14	August 15	August 30

To view the academic calendar beyond 2012–2013, go to registrar.osu.edu. Keep in mind that changes to the amount due (or new charges) may result from moving off the wait-list, adding or dropping a course, or other actions. Check your account often for outstanding balances, late fees, or refunds.

Financial aid

Student Financial Aid strives to provide financial assistance to all eligible Ohio State students, including university scholarships; federal, state, and institutional grants; work programs; and loans. For important deadlines and more information, go to sfa.osu.edu. Federal, state, and university-funded aid is reflected as [Pending Financial Aid](#) (viewable from the drop-down menu under [Finances](#)) on the student account until 10 days before the start of each term, at which time those funds are applied to the account. Students who have been awarded aid that is not appearing as indicated, should check their [To Do List](#) on the [Student Center](#) for instructions. Funds from non-university scholarships, alternative loans, and College Savings Plans are handled differently. For information about third-party aid, go to sfa.osu.edu/forms/award/external.pdf.

FERPA

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as amended, is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records, including financial records. Without the appropriate student information releases, student account, and academic records cannot be discussed with a parent, guardian, spouse, or other parties. For detailed information about privacy and release of student education records, visit registrar.osu.edu.

To change or update your information releases:

- Click on [Student Information Release](#) in the [Personal Information](#) section of your [Student Center](#), available via buckeyelink.osu.edu.
- Fill in the requested [Designee Information](#), including a unique access code of your choice for each designee to use to validate their identity when seeking information about you from the university. Check the appropriate releases for each designee (you can select more than one release per designee):

Academic Information Release

Account Information Release

Financial Aid Information Release

- Click the [Add](#) button to list multiple designees.

Explanation of fees (Fees are estimates and subject to change.)

Instructional Fee Used to fund instructional costs at the university, **\$4,584/term** for full-time students.

Non-resident Fee Additional fee charged to out-of-state students, **\$7,704/term** for full-time students. Ohio residents who are male and at least 18 years old will see this fee if they have not yet reported their selective service number to the university.

General Fee Mandated by the State of Ohio for the funding of non-instructional student services. The general fee of **\$186/term** for full-time students makes available those student services whose primary purpose is to contribute to the students' emotional and physical well being, as well as their cultural and social development outside the context of the formal instructional program.

Student Activity Fee All students at the Columbus campus are assessed a **\$37.50/term** fee to support programs that benefit all students.

Student Union Facility Fee All students at the Columbus campus will pay this **\$74.40/term** fee to help fund the Ohio Union facility, student organization and meeting space, and cutting-edge venues that support student programming.

Technology Fee Some majors are charged a Learning Technology Fee to pay certain technology-related expenses within the major program; fees range from **\$49.20-255/term** for full-time students.

Program Fee Some programs charge a fee to pay for program-related expenses; fees range from **\$49.20-577.20/term** for full-time students.

Orientation Fee New students enrolling in autumn semester will be assessed a one-time fee of **\$50**; non-autumn new students and all transfer students are assessed a one-time fee of **\$25**. This fee goes to support orientation and other initiatives for first-year students and is separate from any additional fees (housing, parking, etc.) paid directly at the orientation program.

Recreational Fee All students enrolled in four or more credit hours at the Columbus campus are assessed this **\$123/term** fee, which provides support for all campus recreational sports facilities, programs, and services. Students who are assessed the fee are automatic members of the recreational sports facilities and eligible for all member benefits.

Room & Board Assessed by University Residences and Dining Services and varies based on a student's hall assignment and meal plan. Fees range from **\$4,547.50-5,347.50/term** based on room rates with the basic meal plan.

Student Health Insurance Students who do not waive out of the comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan will see this **\$1,150/term** fee on their Statement of Account.

Student Legal Services Fee Students who do not waive this fee will be assessed **\$40 annually** in the autumn term for a full year's coverage; prorated fees are assessed to students who enter in other terms.

COTA The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) provides students on the Columbus campus with unlimited use for a **\$13.50/term** fee.

Student Service Center (SSC)

Student Academic Services Building, Lobby, 281 West Lane Avenue
(614) 292-0300 | Toll-free: 800-678-6440 | ssc@osu.edu

Phones and walk-in hours:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday

The Student Service Center is often the single point of contact for taking care of the business of being a Buckeye. The staff can assist you in person, by phone, or by e-mail with financial aid issues, academic records and registration holds, student accounts, fee payments, and more.