The Ohio State University

Time-Sensitive Orientation Information

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

Transfer Student Orientation 2018

First Year Experience

Will It Be You?
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/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>>

Check in for transfer orientation at Hitchcock Hall. Parking is available at the Tuttle Park Place Parking Garage. See the inside back cover for driving directions.

<<importantnotes>>

<<footnoteprep1>><<footnoteprep2>><<footnoteprep3>>

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

Orientation at Ohio State aims to get new Buckeyes off to a strong start. We designed our transfer student orientation to meet your specific needs, with the understanding that you already have college experience.

Your orientation is a one-day program, with check-in beginning at 7:30 or 8:45 a.m., depending on your testing needs. For most students, orientation activities end by 3 p.m.

During orientation you’ll have the following opportunities:
• Receive information about the many campus resources available to Ohio State students.
• Attend group advising sessions to learn more about your major or academic program and to schedule classes.
• Complete university business, such as getting your BuckID and consulting with staff about financial aid.
• Complete any necessary placement tests.
• Become more familiar with campus.

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 ($8) and meals while on campus.

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

At Ohio State, 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.

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 DATE

Reserve your orientation date 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.

5. Click on the Orientation Information link to register for a program.

6. 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.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend that you attend the earliest orientation date by which you can complete your math placement exam (if required) and transfer credit evaluations.

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

7. Upon successfully reserving a program online, you will see an online confirmation. Print out your orientation confirmation and write your confirmed date 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.
**NEXT STEPS**

- **Review your Transfer Credit Report**
  You can run your Transfer Credit Report at registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit. This report indicates how your courses transferred. Click on “Understanding your Transfer Credit Report” for instructions on reading this report and information that will help you determine whether you are required to complete departmental evaluations before you attend orientation.

- **Send updated transcripts**
  If additional or updated transcripts have not been sent to Undergraduate Admissions, ask each institution you attended to send an electronic transcript to Ohio State.

- **Determine if you need to take the math placement exam**
  Based on your Transfer Credit Report, you are required to take the exam if:
  - Math courses at a previous college will not transfer to Ohio State.
  - You have only received math transfer credit designated as special, technical or undefined technical.
  - You received math transfer credit designated as general or deferred/unknown that has not been evaluated by an Ohio State math counselor. If so, please send your Transfer Credit Report, transcript and course syllabus to Mathematics Counseling at mathadvisors@math.osu.edu. This subsequent evaluation may exempt you from the assessment.
  - You have submitted college transcripts but have not been able to access your Transfer Credit Report five days prior to your orientation program.

  You do not need to take the exam if:
  - You received transfer credit for a specific Ohio State math course higher than or equal to Math 1050.
  - You received general or deferred/unknown math credit that has been evaluated by an Ohio State math counselor exempting you from the exam (refer to registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit for details).
  - You are a nontraditional student (23 years of age or older) and you choose not to take the math placement exam. Nontraditional students who do not take the exam will be placed in Math 1050, an introductory math course. You must take the math placement exam if you wish to begin at a higher level course.

- **Take the math placement exam (if applicable)**
  If you determine that you need to take the math placement exam, you will take Test B, a 75-minute web-based test to determine the need for strengthening your arithmetic, algebra and geometry skills.

  If you score high enough on Test B, you are eligible to take Test D at orientation, which may result in a higher placement level.

  Prepare for the exam. Study. Review. Practice. To perform your best, review sample problems and exam topics at go.osu.edu/mathtestprep.

  Have high school course and grade information handy. During the exam you will be asked for your high school math courses and semester grades.

  Take the exam at least two days before orientation. If you do not take it prior to orientation, you must take it the morning of your orientation program (checking in at 7:30 a.m.).

  Plan to test in a distraction-free environment in which you will be uninterrupted for 75 minutes. When you are ready to complete the exam:

  1. Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement.
  2. Log in to the test using your Ohio State username (lastname.#) and password.
  3. Thoroughly read the instructions, specifically noting the following:
     - You may use scratch paper, pencil, and a scientific or graphing calculator. You should not use a calculator with computer symbolic algebra or QWERTY keyboard, such as the TI-89 or TI-92.
     - The exam has a maximum time limit of 75 minutes, and the time remaining will be updated after you answer each question. Time continues to run even if you log off your computer or if you have computer problems.
     - The exam is multiple choice with only one correct answer per question. Partial credit is not given.
  4. Upon completing the exam, click “submit” and note your placement code (R, S, T or N).

- **Determine if you are required to take English or foreign language tests at orientation**

  **English testing** – you are required to take the English placement test if you received fewer than two semester hours of English composition credit (refer to your Transfer Credit Report). You are not required to take the test if you received credit for English 1110 (the first-year composition course required for all undergraduate students).
Foreign language testing – you are required to take a foreign language placement test if you studied a foreign language for at least two years in high school. Foreign language testing is used to determine at which course level you will start if you plan to study that language at Ohio State.

You are not required to take a language placement test if you have college credit for a foreign language, graduated from high school more than five years ago, have never formally studied a language or had fewer than two years of the same language in high school.

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.

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.

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

- Admission and orientation materials you’ve received from Ohio State, including Transfer Credit Reports
- Code from the math placement exam
- Ohio State username and password
- Money for meals and parking
- 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)
- A backpack or book bag
- A sweatshirt or jacket (some rooms are chilly)
- Rain gear or umbrella
- Comfortable shoes and casual clothing (you’ll be doing a lot of walking and some stair climbing)
- A list of questions you want answered while on campus
- Paper, pens and pencils for taking notes
- Refillable water bottle

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.

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, 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 use your code 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 the morning of your orientation program (checking in at 7:30 a.m.).

What if I have questions about the English or foreign language placement tests?
How do I make disability accommodations?
To make arrangements for disability accommodations (transportation, interpretation, accessible media, etc.) for both students and guests, call Orientation or fill out the Disability Request Form at go.osu.edu/orientationdisabilityrequest two weeks before your orientation.

Students with disabilities who need to make arrangements for testing accommodations should call Michelle Salomone in Ohio State’s Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307.

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. Go to 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 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.

---

**ORIENTATION SCHEDULE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Orientation check-in for students taking the math placement exam or English placement test</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 a.m.</td>
<td>Concurrent activities:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Math placement exam—if you did not complete it online or if you received an undetermined (“U”) score</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• English placement test—if you do not have credit for English 1110</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:45 a.m.</td>
<td>Check-in for students not testing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Program welcome, general information and instructions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Academic advising session and course scheduling (ending time determined by major/academic program)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Afternoon sessions</td>
<td>Placement testing (if required):</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Foreign language testing available (12:30–4 p.m.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• English testing available (1:30–3:30 p.m.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Additional options:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Financial aid consultations (1–3 p.m.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• BuckID (by 4:30 p.m.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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 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 INDEPENDENCE HALL

Driving to Tuttle Park Place Garage
2050 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, 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 Independence Hall
1923 Neil Ave., Columbus, 43210
Exit the garage through the northwest exit. Walk east on Ives Drive, and turn right on Neil Avenue. Independence Hall will be on your right.

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!

Keep this information packet and bring it with you when you come to campus for orientation.

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