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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 no longer correct, please contact Orientation before registering for an orientation date.

Make note of your orientation registration deadline: <<duedate>>.

Major/academic program: <<Plan1>>

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

Orientation for <<Adv_Group_Descr>> will be held on the following dates:

<<Dates>>

Check-in for Orientation at the Ohio Union. Parking is available at the Ohio Union South Garage. See the inside back cover for driving directions.

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Use your OSU ID number, <<ID>>, or Ohio State username to log into the reservation site, orientation.osu.edu/reservations.

My orientation date is:

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

ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

Orientation at Ohio State aims to get new Buckeyes off to a strong start. 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 4 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 Student 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 (approximately $7) 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.

ENABLE YOUR BUCKEYEMAIL ACCOUNT

To enable 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 buckemail.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 activating your username, contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-HELP (4357) or by TDD at 614-688-8743.

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 to the Applicant Center 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 have your math placement testing done (if required) and transfer credit evaluations completed.

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 being 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.

“Learning about the First Year Experience program and people makes me feel very at ease about my transition into college life and having a successful first year.”
PREPARE FOR ORIENTATION

- Send updated transcripts. If additional or updated transcripts have not been sent to Undergraduate Admissions, request those as soon as possible. Find instructions for sending transcripts to Ohio State at go.osu.edu/transfer_credit.

- Take the Math Placement Exam (if applicable). You must take the math placement exam online at least two business days prior to your orientation date unless you have college credit for a specific Ohio State mathematics class higher than or equal to Math 1050. This credit can be earned through college course work, Advanced Placement testing or International Baccalaureate higher-level exams. Statistics does not fill this requirement.

Prepare for the exam. Study. Review. Practice. Review sample problems and exam topics at go.osu.edu/math/testprep.

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 the exam prior to orientation, you must take it the morning of your orientation program (check in at 7:30 a.m.).

Plan to test in a distraction-free environment in which you will not take the exam prior to orientation, you must take it the morning of your orientation program (check in at 7:30 a.m.).

Complete the Campus Clarity online training

All new students will complete online training that addresses stalking, abusive relationships and sexual violence on campus. You will receive an email sent to your university email account from admin@campusclarity.com with a link to access the training and instructions for completing it. You’re expected to complete the online training prior to your assigned program date since these topics will be reviewed at orientation.

Didn’t get the email invitation? See the FAQs on page 5.

Complete your vaccination requirement

Students new to Ohio State’s Columbus campus 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.

Complete Campus Safety Training

All new students are required to watch a video to prepare for your safety on campus in the event of an active aggressor. To watch the video, go to dps.osu.edu/yoursafety, click the “Online Training” button, and log in with your Ohio State username (last name) and password. Once the video is viewed in its entirety, please allow 10 to 14 days for this item to be removed from your To-Do List.

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
- Math placement results from the Web-based test
- Ohio State username and password
- Money for meals and approximately $7 for parking
- A battery-powered calculator if taking the math placement exam on campus
- Picture ID (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)
- Gear for inclement weather
- Comfortable shoes and casual clothing (you’ll be doing a lot of walking and some star climbing)
- A list of questions you want answered while on campus
- Paper, pens and pencils for taking notes
- Refillable water bottle

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

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.

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.

Why do I have to take the math placement exam?

The math placement exam is a placement tool that will determine 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 test, go back to https://buckeyelinx3.osu.edu/secure/math, log in, and return to the last question you answered. Your answers should be saved, if the test 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 test, contact the Office of Testing as soon as possible:

- Call 614-292-2241 (weekdays 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)
- Email esue-testing@osu.edu

What does my math placement code mean?

After completing the test, 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 placement 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 (check in at 7:30 a.m.).

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What happens if I do not receive or have deleted my invitation email from Campus Clarity?

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

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How do I make disability accommodations?

To make arrangements for disability services for both students and guests, call Orientation or fill out the Disability Request Form at orientation.osu.edu/forms/request.asp two weeks before your orientation.

Students with disabilities should make arrangements for testing by calling Cathlyn McCandless in the Ohio State Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307.

What information is available for veterans?

Ohio State offers enrollment certification for students participating in the GI Bill® program and support programs for veterans and military students. Visit veterans.osu.edu for more information or contact Mike Forrest, forest.73@osu.edu.

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ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.  Orientation check-in for students taking the Mathematics Placement Exam or English placement test

8 a.m.  Concurrent activities:
- Mathematics Placement Exam—if you did not complete the online test or if you received an undetermined (“U”) score
- English placement test—if you do not have credit for English 1110

8:45 a.m.  Check-in for students not testing

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/academic program)

Afternoon sessions  Placement testing (if required):
- Foreign language testing available (12:30–4 p.m.)
- English testing available (1:30–3:30 p.m.)

Additional options:
- Financial aid consultations (1–3 p.m.)
- BuckID (by 4:30 p.m.)

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CAMPUS OFFICES AND RESOURCES

Disability Services  ods.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-3307
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
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

Buckeye Link  buckeyelink.osu.edu .............................................................. 614-292-0300
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

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 www.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.

GETTING TO THE OHIO UNION

Driving to the Ohio Union South Garage
1759 N. High St., Columbus, 43210
Go east on Lane Avenue to High Street. Turn right on High Street. Turn right into the Ohio Union South Garage.

Walking to the Ohio Union
1739 N. High St., Columbus, 43210
Walk to the Ohio Union, adjacent to the garage. Check in at the Performance Hall on the first floor.

From John Glenn Columbus International Airport:
Take I-670 west 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:
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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 admissions.
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