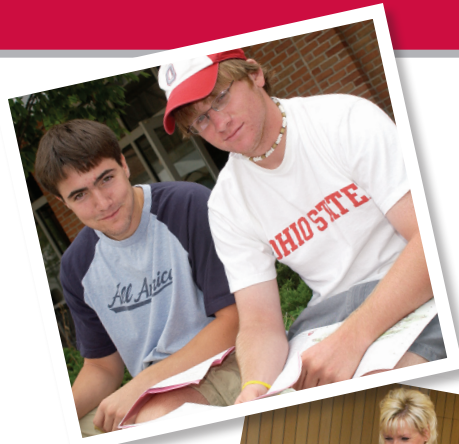


I am excited to welcome you to The Ohio State University. We believe your first year is an especially important time for establishing goals, making connections, and learning about—and making use of—Ohio State’s vast array of opportunities and resources. Our most successful students will tell you that this cannot be accomplished without asking lots of questions, working with your academic advisors, and getting to know faculty and staff. At orientation, you’ll get a chance to do all of those things.

You were admitted to Ohio State because you have the talent, skills, and motivation to be a successful student. We look forward to helping you make the most of your Ohio State experience. See you at orientation!

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Interim Director of First Year Experience



Your University Orientation program dates

Your orientation program is designed around your academic area of interest, so it is important that you **verify your academic information below**. If this information is no longer correct, please contact Orientation immediately.

Your registration deadline:

You must reserve your orientation program by the due date. Read “Reserve your orientation program” in this brochure.

Check in for your orientation program at Morrill Tower. Refer to page 6 for driving directions.

Use your OSU ID number or Ohio State Username (name.#) to log into the reservation site.

Orientation overview

Ohio State’s orientation program is designed to get new Buckeyes off to a strong start. At orientation, you will:

- Learn what is expected of you as an Ohio State student both in and out of the classroom
- Attend group advising sessions to learn more about your area of study and to schedule classes
- Meet other incoming Ohio State students
- Become more familiar with campus
- Complete university business, such as getting your BuckID card and consulting with Student Financial Aid
- Complete any necessary placement tests
- Receive your schedule of classes for autumn semester

Orientation is mandatory, and students are expected—and family members are strongly encouraged—to participate in all orientation activities. Should you miss any of the scheduled sessions (see Day One and Day Two, below), you may be required to return for another orientation program.

Orientation cost

Your autumn semester Statement of Account will show a \$50 University Orientation fee, which covers administrative costs. Remaining expenses, including parking (\$12), housing, and meals (read “Reserving orientation housing and meals” in this brochure for more information), will be collected at orientation check-in.



At Ohio State, we recognize the important role family members play in the success of our students. We encourage your parents or other adult family members to attend orientation with you.



Times and session availability are subject to change. A more detailed schedule is available at orientation.osu.edu.

DAY ONE	7:30–8:30 a.m.	Orientation check-in at Morrill Tower <i>7:30 a.m. arrival required for students who need to complete English or Latin testing*</i>
	8 a.m.	English and Latin testing begins
	8–9:30 a.m.	Resource tables staffed by various university offices, including the Student Service Center (SSC) which can address financial aid concerns
	9:30 a.m.	Opening session
	10:15 a.m.–1:45 p.m.	Student group sessions with Orientation Leaders – including university business overview <i>Family members: session on college transitions, business procedures, and lunch</i>
	2 p.m.	Group academic advising overview
	4 p.m.	Foreign language placement testing in French, German, Spanish, and Italian*
	4:30 p.m.	Co-curricular programming sessions
	5 p.m.	Dinner available
	6:15 p.m.	Required evening session for students
8–10:30 p.m.	Optional evening activities for students	

*Please see orientation.osu.edu/placement for details on English and foreign language testing guidelines.

DAY TWO	6:45–8:15 a.m.	Breakfast available
	8 a.m.	Campus resource sessions, including Honors and Scholars programming (selected dates only)
	9 a.m.	Life Outside the Classroom
	10 a.m.	Residence education and commuter discussion sessions for students <i>Student life discussions for family members</i>
	11:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Academic advising appointments and course registration (for students only) <i>Optional sessions, lunch opportunities, and other activities for family members</i>

Reserve your orientation program

To register for Orientation, go to orientation.osu.edu/reservations.

You will need your Ohio State Username and password to log into the Applicant Center. Once logged in, click on the Orientation Information link to register for a program.

Before reserving your orientation program online:

- Check the accuracy of the major/academic program printed on the inside cover of this brochure. If this information is incorrect, contact Orientation before proceeding.
- Consult with your guests about their availability, since once you have reserved a date it cannot be changed online.

When to attend Orientation

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since you register for classes at orientation, the earlier you are able to attend orientation, the more likely you are to find flexibility in scheduling classes. Try to attend the earliest orientation program you can for your area of study.

We cannot guarantee that program dates will be available based on prior travel arrangements. Please reserve your orientation dates prior to making any travel arrangements.

When making your reservation, you will only be given a list of the *available* orientation dates for your academic area of study. A complete list of dates is available online at orientation.osu.edu. Dates offered on the reservation site reflect the current availability of programs, including changes or additions. Once a program is full, it will not show as being available.

Your reservation confirmation

Upon successfully reserving a program online, you will see an online confirmation. *Print out your program confirmation.* You will not be mailed confirmation information; however, you can visit orientation.osu.edu/reservations to view your confirmation at any time. You can find a map, driving directions, and parking information in this brochure and at orientation.osu.edu.



If you experience problems while reserving your program, need to make changes, or are unable to attend any of the dates available for your area of study, contact Orientation as soon as possible.

Reserving orientation housing and meals

After you have reserved your orientation program, reserve your housing and meals online at orientation.osu.edu/reservations at least two weeks before your orientation program. You'll be asked to submit payment when you check in on Day One.

Students

The orientation student package (\$50) includes one overnight stay in a residence hall room and lunch, dinner, and breakfast. Lunch may be purchased separately on Day Two from a number of dining locations. Staying in a dorm during orientation and sharing meals with other students are integral parts of the orientation experience. All students, even those from central Ohio, are strongly encouraged to purchase this package.

Guests

Family members may stay in campus-area hotels. (Find a list at osu.edu/visitors/accommodations.) Accommodations that offer special orientation rates can be found on the student housing reservation page. (Note: Due to the structure of Orientation programming, it is recommended that young children not attend.)

Guests are encouraged to purchase a lunch ticket (\$8) for Day One (this lunch is mandatory for students). Other meals may be available for purchase à la carte.

You will receive more information when you reserve your housing and meals. Direct questions to Orientation Housing at (614) 688-2759.



Prepare for orientation

Placement testing

Most students are required to take placement tests before orientation. Go to orientation.osu.edu/placement to find details about what testing you must complete.

Unless you have college credit for a specific Ohio State mathematics class (through college course work, Advanced Placement testing, or International Baccalaureate higher-level exams), take the **math assessment** online at least two days prior to your orientation program. Otherwise, you must report to Morrill Tower at 2:30 p.m. the day before your orientation program to complete the assessment. Since you will not be permitted to retake the math assessment, it is strongly recommended that you prepare for the test. Math placement will determine not only your starting place in Ohio State's math sequence, but also impacts your eligibility for several science courses. The assessment will be available May 1.

Students required to take the **English placement test**, or who will be testing in Latin for their foreign language placement test, must report to Morrill Tower at 7:30 a.m. the day of their orientation program to complete testing prior to the opening session.

AP or IB credit

Ohio State awards credit 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. If possible, please bring scores from any available AP and IB testing with you to orientation.

College courses

In order to receive transfer credit for college classes you've taken, be sure that an official transcript is sent directly from the college where you completed your course work to Ohio State. If your official transcript will be sent after May 1, also bring a copy of the transcript to orientation. Courses listed on your high school transcript will not meet this requirement and will cause a delay in evaluating your credit.

Course registration

As you prepare for orientation, familiarize yourself with the course requirements of your academic area and Buckeye Link (buckeyelink.osu.edu). You will be expected to use Buckeye Link for course search and enrollment on your own at orientation.

Prior to your orientation program, spend time looking at the resources listed at orientation.osu.edu/preparation. These resources will help you ask questions of your academic advisors, give you informed control over your course schedule, and help you get comfortable with scheduling at orientation. Students who take time to prepare for orientation find they get more out of their experience and complete course enrollment more efficiently.



What should I bring to orientation?



- Payment for orientation meals, housing, and parking (checks, Visa, MasterCard, cash accepted)
- A battery-operated calculator, if taking the math assessment on campus (Programmable calculators and calculators using computer symbolic algebra or QWERTY keyboards are not permitted.)
- A driver's license, state ID, or passport required to get your BuckID card
- A copy of the college transcript of any college course work taken during high school and official AP or IB scores.
- Ohio State Username and password
- Math placement results from the Web-based test and, if applicable, information from the pre-orientation website for your major
- A backpack or book bag
- A sweatshirt or jacket (some rooms are very chilly)
- Rain gear or umbrella
- Comfortable shoes and casual clothing for extensive walking and some stair climbing
- A list of questions you want answered while on campus
- Paper, pens, and pencils for note-taking and evaluations
- Refillable water bottle

If you will be staying in the residence halls: bring clothes hangers and an alarm clock. Bed and bath linens are provided, but we recommend that you bring an additional blanket.

Orientation Preparation Checklist

Beginning in mid-May, you will be invited to complete an orientation preparation checklist through Carmen, Ohio State's course management tool. You will receive instructions on how to access this information via e-mail.

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

Information 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, forrest.73@osu.edu.

To contact orientation participants in case of emergency:

Depending on what day and time you're calling, leave a message at one of the following numbers (These phone lines are only active June 13–August 3):

- (614) 292-3324, Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- (614) 292-8205, Sunday evening–Friday morning, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

2012 student football tickets available—but only online

A limited number of student football tickets will be available online for incoming students **starting the first week of June**. Demand for these football tickets may exceed the supply available and thus students are encouraged to order early. Once the supply of tickets has been exhausted, the sale will end. For ticket information, visit ohiostatebuckeyes.com and click "Tickets."

Direct further questions to the Athletic Ticket Office: 1-800-GO-BUCKS (462-8257) or athletic.tix@osu.edu.



Getting to campus

From the north/south:

Take any major highway to I-270.
Take I-270 to State Route 315.
From 315, exit at Lane Avenue and go east.
Continue with directions to Day One or Day Two parking.

From the west:

Take any major highway to I-70 East.
Take I-70 East to 315 North.
From 315 North, exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.
Continue with directions to Day One or Day Two parking.

From the east:

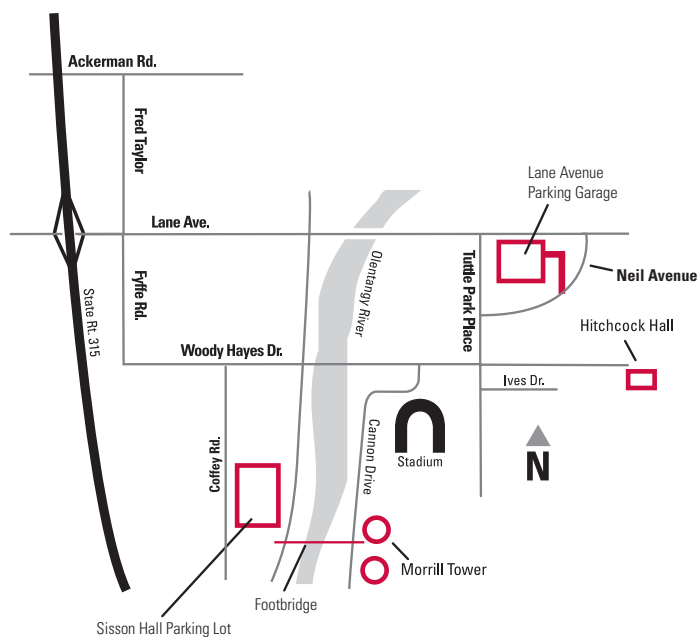
Take any major highway to I-70 West.
Take I-70 West to 315 North.
From 315 North, exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.
Continue with directions to Day One or Day Two parking.

From Port Columbus International Airport:

Take I-670 West to 315 North.
From 315 North, exit at Lane Avenue and turn right.
Continue with directions to Day One or Day Two parking.

Important information about construction

Please follow the directions on this page to campus. Allow extra time to accommodate delays due to road construction in Columbus and on campus. For information on statewide road conditions, call 1-888-20H-ROAD or visit the Ohio Department of Transportation at dot.state.oh.us.



Parking and check-in for Day One and Day Two

Day One parking: Sisson Hall Parking Lot

From Lane Avenue, turn right on Fyffe Road.
Turn left onto Woody Hayes Drive.
Turn right onto Coffey Road.
Turn left into the Sisson Hall Parking Lot.
Continue with "Getting to Morrill Tower for Day One check-in," below.

Day Two parking: Lane Avenue Garage

Go east on Lane Avenue.
Turn right on Tuttle Park Place.
Turn left on Neil Avenue.
Turn left into the Lane Avenue Parking Garage.
Continue with "Getting to Hitchcock Hall for Day Two check-in," below.

Getting to Morrill Tower for Day One check-in

Exit the lot heading south. Take the footbridge east across the Olentangy River. Morrill Tower will be in front of you at 1900 Cannon Drive. Follow signs directing you to the preferred entrance.

Getting to Hitchcock Hall for Day Two check-in

Exit the garage at the southeast corner and cross Neil Avenue heading south. Follow the pedestrian walkways south and cross West Woodruff Avenue at the large crosswalk. Hitchcock Hall will be in front of you and to the left. Follow signs directing you to the preferred entrance.



Activate your Ohio State Username

To activate your Ohio State Username (lastname.#) and set a password, go to my.osu.edu and click “Activate Now.” Select “Request an Activation Code” and follow the instructions. If you experience problems activating your username, contact the IT Service Desk at (614) 688-HELP (4357), or by TDD at (614) 688-8743.

You will need your Ohio State Username and password to check your financial aid status, take the math skills assessment, check your e-mail, and receive your housing assignment.

Check financial aid status and your statement of account

Once you have activated your Ohio State Username, visit buckeyelink.osu.edu and click on “Financial Aid Status” under My Account. **Fees are due seven days before the start of the semester.**

Check your Ohio State e-mail

Your Buckeye e-mail address will be lastname.#@osu.edu. To set up delivery instructions for your Ohio State e-mail, go to my.osu.edu and log in using your Ohio State Username (lastname.#) and password. Click “Change E-mail Delivery” and follow the directions. To check your e-mail, log in at buckeyemail.osu.edu using your username and password.

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



For additional information

- Disability Services • ods.osu.edu..... (614) 292-3307
- Financial Aid • sfa.osu.edu..... (614) 292-0300
- First Year Experience • fye.osu.edu..... (614) 292-3324
- Housing Services Office • housing.osu.edu..... (614) 292-8266
- Information Technology (IT) • my.osu.edu
for Ohio State Username/Webmail help(614) 688-HELP
- Neighborhood Services and Collaboration
offcampus.osu.edu (614) 292-0100
- Orientation • orientation.osu.edu (614) 292-4161
- Orientation Housing(614) 688-2759 or (614) 292-8266
- Student Health Services • shs.osu.edu (614) 292-2112
- Student Service Center • ssc.osu.edu..... (614) 294-0300
- Student Organizations • ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs (614) 292-7924
- Testing • registrar.osu.edu/testing (614) 292-2241
- Transportation and Parking • tp.osu.edu..... (614) 292-9341
- University Information • osu.edu(614) 292-OHIO
- Undergraduate Admissions • undergrad.osu.edu (614) 292-3980
- Veterans Affairs • veterans.osu.edu (614) 292-3453

