

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Ohio State's students take advantage of hundreds of opportunities to learn, get involved, and just have fun beyond the classroom. From learning communities and great dining plans to student organizations and recreational sports, there is always something going on to suit a variety of interests.

University Housing

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Living on campus offers many advantages and has been proven to enhance students' success at Ohio State. Residence halls are "home," a place to study, and a student's springboard for involvement at the university. Students thrive in the residence halls, creating lasting friendships and enjoying all the wonders of campus life outside the classroom.

Learning Communities

■ housing.osu.edu/lc.asp

Learning communities provide students a friendly, supportive, and challenging environment within the larger campus community. These communities provide excellent opportunities for students to live and learn with others who share academic, cultural, and lifestyle interests. Within these intentionally designed groups, students live together and collaboratively extend learning beyond the classroom in many exciting and meaningful ways. The primary philosophy is that learning is not artificially created in a laboratory but something that engages students through informal interactions with other students and active participation in more structured programs. These communities are designed with learning—and fun—in mind.

Learning communities assist students in making the most of their first year on campus. There are more than 35 communities to choose from. Features include extended interaction with faculty outside the classroom, in-hall tutoring support for many classes, shared courses, regular and structured interaction with other community members, social gatherings, group trips, and numerous other opportunities. A student's involvement in a learning community contributes to a strong foundation for academic success and social networking at Ohio State.

Additional information about learning communities can be found at the above web address or by calling (614) 292-8266.

Residence Halls

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Academics

Residence hall staff members are committed to students' academic success. Both formal and informal academic programs are offered to support students' success at Ohio State. Many halls offer tutoring programs for mathematics and sciences, study skill development workshops, individual support for academic challenges, and evening quiet hours.

Staff

The transition to college can be challenging and the staff is here to help. Each residence hall or complex is staffed by a full-time, master's level hall director, as well as an assistant hall director (graduate student), and resident advisors (RAs). Living on the floors, RAs coordinate activities to get students acquainted, create an academically supportive living environment, and serve as a resource for residents. In addition, each hall complex has a 24-hour reception desk that provides service to students. The upperclass resident manager oversees the desk operations and services. Staff and the hall desk are here to assist students. Have a question? Just contact the hall desk.

Involvement

Successful students are involved students, and the residence halls offer myriad opportunities for involvement. From residence hall governments to student associations and floor activities, residence halls encourage students to find their niche in the university. Students can also consider joining the Residence Halls Advisory Council (RHAC) or the University Housing Black Student Association (UHBSA). University Housing is one of the largest employers of undergraduate students on campus. Students are able to arrange their work schedules around classes and find many advantages to working where they live.

Housing Contracts

The housing contract extends for one academic year—from autumn quarter through spring quarter. *When students sign a contract for autumn quarter, they have committed themselves for the year unless they are specifically released from that contract.* Summer contracts are issued separately. It is important that students become familiar with the provisions of their housing contracts, the regulations that pertain to living units, and general housing policies.

Questions about housing policies should be directed to staff in Housing Services, 350 Morrill Tower, (614) 292-8266. Information is also available online at housing.osu.edu/current_policies.asp.

Frequently Asked Questions

General Information about Residence Halls

Q Are the halls co-ed?

A We offer halls in which the floors are either all-male or all-female, and halls with separate wings on the same floor that are either male or female. There are all-male rooms and all-female rooms on the same floors in some halls as well.

Q What happens if a student's belongings are damaged or stolen while in the residence hall?

A Ohio State is not liable for loss of or damage to personal belongings. All students should check with their insurance carriers to make sure they have protection against loss or damage. Renter's insurance may be a viable option for students.

Q How long are the beds? What kind of sheets will a student need?

A All the beds in the residence halls are twin beds and are 80 inches long. Students will need extra-long (80") twin bed sheets.

Q Is carpeting provided in student rooms?

A No, carpeting is not provided.

Q How much is too much to move in?

A To make the move-in as smooth as possible, we ask that students bring only one car-load. Experience has shown that when students bring more than this, families end up taking much of it back home.

Q How often are rooms cleaned?

A Students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms. Housekeeping staff are responsible for cleaning the public areas (hallways, lounges, etc.), public restrooms, and bathrooms in clustered rooms. Students with bathroom facilities in their individual rooms or suites are responsible for their own bathrooms.

Q Are lofts allowed?

A In most buildings on campus we allow lofts. You can order a bedloft at universalfurnishings.com or bedloft.com. Buildings that already have bedlofts are Baker West, Baker East, Park, Neilwood

Gables, Scholars East, Scholars West, Siebert, Smith, Stradley, and the Worthington/Neil Complex (William H. Hall Complex). Buildings that do not allow lofts are Lincoln and Morrill Towers. If you choose to build your own bedloft, please read the loft guidelines in the Residence Hall Handbook by clicking under "Policies, Contracts, and Fees" at housing.osu.edu/current.asp.

Q Are the halls locked?

A Most residence hall main doors are locked 24 hours a day. Access is by student ID card. Guests are required to contact a host to be escorted through the building.

Q Can students leave belongings in the room during break periods?

A Yes. While student rooms are typically accessed for maintenance purposes only, students are encouraged to take expensive property home with them. Clothes and other belongings can be left in rooms.

Q Are phones provided in student rooms?

A Phone service is not a standard service in undergraduate residence hall rooms on the Columbus campus; however, phone service can be activated in each room upon request and University Housing will cover the cost. Phone service includes unlimited campus and local calling. Students may activate their phone service by contacting OIT (the university's technology department). Students must bring their own phones. More information about the phone service and other available services will be distributed to students by OIT at the start of fall quarter.

Q Are there staff who live in the residence halls?

A Yes. Each floor or group of floors has a resident advisor (RA) who lives on the floor and is available to assist students as they adjust to living on campus. In addition, each hall or complex has a full-time professional staff person with a master's degree—a hall director who is assigned to work with students and staff in their respective buildings. Most halls or complexes also have a part-time assistant hall director who is a graduate student in the Higher Education/Student Affairs program.

Q Are there curfews in the residence halls?

A No. Some of the halls have restricted (or limited) visitation hours, but students are expected to assume responsibility for their own schedules.

Q Are there Internet hookups in each residence hall room for computers?

A Yes. All the halls have wired and wireless Internet access via ResNet. Wired access provides one hookup for each student living in the room. Additionally, wireless access is available in student rooms and public areas. For laptop security, we encourage you to bring a laptop lock.

Q Where will a student be able to do laundry?

A Each residence hall complex is equipped with washers and dryers. Students can use money or their BuckID accounts to wash (\$1.25 per load) and/or dry (\$1.00 per load) their clothes.

Q Are pets allowed?

A No. Pets are not permitted in the residence halls.

Q Can students bring bikes? Where can they be stored?

A Yes. Bikes are permitted on campus. While a few halls have indoor bike storage rooms, most require bikes to be parked outside at the bike racks provided. We encourage students to purchase two u-bolt bike locks in either case.

Q Can furniture be removed from the room and replaced with the student's own?

A No. The furniture provided is permanent. The furniture cannot be removed even if the number of students in the room changes.

Q What is an academic-year building?

A Academic-year housing allows students to remain living in the residence hall during winter break and spring break. There is an additional charge of \$100 per year. See the housing web site to learn which halls are academic-year buildings.

Things to Know about Room Assignments and Arrival Dates

Q When will students find out their assignments?

A Housing assignments will be e-mailed to the student's university e-mail account the last week of August for autumn quarter enrollees and the week before classes begin for students starting other quarters. It will include the name(s), address(es), and e-mail address(es) of roommate(s), along with arrival information.

Q What does a student do if he/she doesn't like the assignment?

A We regret that we are unable to accept requests for change of assignment once assignments are mailed. We do make a change process available the second week of each quarter.

Q When do the residence halls open?

A Sunday, September 20, at 9 a.m. is move-in day for autumn quarter 2009. Move-in day is the Sunday before classes begin for other quarters. We've worked hard to design a convenient and efficient move-in process. There will be times during the day when there are lines, but usually the wait is not long, and friendly staff are there to keep you informed of the process and offer you refreshments.

Q What do students do if they need to arrive early?

A In many cases, we can make arrangements for students to arrive early. Costs for early arrival range from \$30 to \$125 (for students who need to arrive on Saturday, if there is a home football game) per night. To take advantage of early arrival, contact Housing Services-Early Arrival, 350 Morrill Tower, (614) 292-8266.

Q Can students send belongings in advance of their arrival?

A Due to limited storage space, we strongly encourage families to wait until students have arrived on campus before sending any packages. Packages sent before students move in are sent to a central location where the student must pick them up and carry them to his/her room. There is no transportation provided for this service. If a package must be sent prior to arrival, we can accept only two packages (no larger than 16" x 11" x 16") for any individual person. More than that will be returned to sender.

Q What does a student do if he/she has roommate problems?

A Students should contact their resident advisors or hall directors, who will help to mediate and resolve the problems. If a parent needs to find out how the situation is being handled or wants additional information, he/she may contact the hall director whose hall desk phone number is indicated on the student's assignment notification.

About Campus Dining Services and the BuckID

Q Is it possible to eat in any dining commons on campus with a dining plan?

A Yes. The student's ID card serves as a dining pass. It can be used in any dining commons, including Sprouts, our vegetarian option.

Q What is a BuckID account?

A It is a discretionary debit account that enables students to avoid carrying cash around campus. Students simply present their cards at various merchants on and off campus, and the amount of their purchases is deducted from the money in their accounts.

Q How can money be added to the BuckID account?

A Students can deposit funds to their BuckID accounts via credit or debit card by visiting buckid.osu.edu; students can add funds via cash, check, or credit/debit cards by visiting one of the cash-to-card machines located throughout campus; or students can add funds by contacting University ID Card Services, (614) 292-0400, and Housing Services, (614) 292-8266, in 350 Morrill Tower.

Q Do missed meals (swipes) and unused BuckID money carry across quarters?

A Unused BuckID money carries over for students to use the next quarter. Unused meals (swipes) do not carry over from quarter to quarter.

For additional information, please call (614) 292-8266 or send an e-mail to housing@osu.edu.

Eating on Campus

Campus Dining Services

■ diningservices.osu.edu

The dining facilities at Ohio State provide a variety of options for students with dining plans. Dining plans offer “swipes” to receive meals at a multitude of locations on campus. These plans provide a set number of swipes per quarter and allow students to use them at their discretion throughout the quarter. The options for style and time to eat range from traditional all-you-care-to-eat cafeterias to a sit-down restaurant. Refer to our web site for the most up-to-date information. The following are our current dining plan locations.

(Note: Summer availability varies.)

Traditions Dining

Traditional cafeteria-style dining is available at two dining commons across campus: **North Commons** and **Kennedy Commons**. The dining commons serve entrees, soups, vegetables, breads, and desserts in a cafeteria line. Self-serve salad bars and beverage stations are also located in the dining areas.

Dining commons locations:

- North Commons
157 Curl Drive
(614) 292-7982
- Kennedy Commons
251 W. 12th Ave.
(614) 292-2172

Serving hours for dining commons:

Monday–Friday	Breakfast	7:30–10 a.m. (Kennedy Commons Only)
	Lunch	11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
	Dinner	4:30–8 p.m.
Saturday	Brunch	10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
	Dinner	4–6:30 p.m.
Sunday	Brunch	10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
	Dinner	4–7:30 p.m.

Fresh Express locations provide several stations that offer students’ favorites, including made to order deli bar, tossed to order salad, comfort foods, and soup station. Grab-and-go grocery items are also available. Fresh Express has two locations, North Commons and Morrill Commons.



Fresh Express serving hours:

Monday–Friday Continuous service 7 a.m.–10 p.m.
Weekends (**Morrill Commons only**) 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and 4–7 p.m.
Note: Fresh Express is closed on university holidays.

Sprouts Café offers vegetarian options to meet the demand for non-meat recipes and products. Sprouts Café is located at Kennedy Commons and can be reached by phone at (614) 292-3573.



Serving hours for Sprouts Café:

Monday–Friday	Lunch	11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
	Dinner	4:30–8 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday	Brunch	10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Saturday	Dinner	4–6:30 p.m.
Sunday	Dinner	4–7:30 p.m.

Coming Fall 2009! Mirror Lake Creamery and Grill will feature burgers, subs, sandwiches, milkshakes, and ice cream! Mirror Lake Creamery and Grill is located at 1760 Neil Ave., the northwest corner of Pomerene Hall, and can be reached at (614) 247-5054.

The Campus Grind are coffee/sandwich carts located in various academic buildings across campus. Each cart serves fresh pastries, fruit, chips, soup, and freshly made sandwiches. All this and Starbucks coffee, too!

Campus Grind locations and serving hours:

Drinko Hall:
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Veterinary Medicine Academic Building:
Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
McPherson Lab:
Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



Fast, fresh, and healthful—that is the **Courtside Café** promise. The cafe is located in the Recreation and Physical Activities Center (RPAC). For most items, one swipe will buy an entree and a drink. Courtside Cafe can be reached at (614) 292-3419.

Serving hours for Courtside Café:

Monday–Sunday 10 a.m.–10 p.m.



Fresh squeezed juice, espresso drinks, and smoothies are the focus of **Juice 2**, located in the Recreation and Physical Activities Center (RPAC). Students can enjoy refreshing beverages—we have all the ingredients to make the “perfect” smoothie! Contact Juice 2 at (614) 292-3419.

Serving hours for Juice 2:

Monday–Friday 6 a.m.–midnight
Saturday 8 a.m.–midnight
Sunday 10 a.m.–midnight

The PAD, “Pizza at the Drake,” is a student hangout for pizza and also offers on-campus delivery. The PAD is located in the Drake Performance and Event Center, 1849 Cannon Drive. Call 247-PIES to place your delivery order.

Restaurant serving hours for the PAD:

Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–1 a.m.
Saturday–Sunday 1 p.m.–1 a.m.

Delivery hours:

Monday–Friday 10 a.m.–1 a.m.
Saturday–Sunday 1 p.m.–1 a.m.



Oxley’s by the Numbers provides take-out fast food and is located in the Tuttle Park Place Parking Garage, 2035 Millikin Road, (614) 688-8509. Oxley’s offers freshly made subs, salads, pizzas, and tasty desserts.

Serving hours for Oxley’s by the Numbers:

Monday–Thursday 7 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

The **ViewPoint** at the Drake Performance and Event Center is a “teaching” restaurant managed by students in the College of Human Ecology’s hospitality management program. This white-tablecloth restaurant opens the second week of classes and remains open until the last day of classes. It is located in the Drake Center, 1849 Cannon Drive, and can be reached at (614) 688-4570.

Serving hours for ViewPoint:

Lunch Monday–Friday 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Dinner Tuesday–Thursday 5–7:30 p.m.

Note: Dining plans are accepted at this location for lunch and dinner. Most meals require multiple swipes of a dining plan card.

Burrito Noches Café offers custom-made giant burritos and nachos for study breaks in a large lounge seating area or to take back to the student’s room. Located in the lower level of North Commons, Burrito Noches Cafe can be reached at (614) 292-7982.

Serving hours for Burrito Noches Café:

Monday–Friday 11 a.m.–2 a.m.
Saturday–Sunday 6 p.m.–2 a.m.

The MarketPlace offers a tempting menu of stir-fry, soup, wraps, and pasta. The MarketPlace features multiple stations with a variety of entree choices, as well as simple grocery items. It is located on the first floor of the Neil Building (on the corner of 10th and Neil Avenues) and can be reached at (614) 247-8128.

Serving hours for The MarketPlace:

Monday–Friday 10 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

StreetSweets is an espresso bar located in the MarketPlace.

Serving hours for StreetSweets:

Monday–Saturday 7 a.m.–2 a.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–2 a.m.

The Caffeine Element, a coffee shop, is located at the John A. Prior Health Sciences Library and can be reached at (614) 292-2321. Stop in for a cup of coffee, a pastry, or a sandwich.

Serving hours for The Caffeine Element:

Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m.–11:45 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.–7:45 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.–5:45 p.m.
Sunday noon–9:45 p.m.

Buckeye Express is located in Baker Commons, 113 W. 12th Ave., and can be reached at (614) 292-2321. This location provides many grab-and-go options for students to take on the run or back to their dorm rooms.

Serving hours for Buckeye Express:

Monday–Friday 7 a.m.–midnight

Note: Buckeye Express is closed on weekends and university holidays.

At **Boss Doggs** you can enjoy a made-to-order hot dog, brat, or chicken fajita right off the grill. Three convenient locations: Independence Hall (Neil and 17th), Dreese Labs (Neil and 19th), Denny Hall (in front of the Science and Engineering Library). Boss Doggs can be reached at (614) 292-2321.

Serving hours for Boss Doggs:

Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Note: Boss Doggs accepts BuckID as a debit card but not for meal plan “swipes.”

Oxley’s Restaurant at the Fawcett Center is located at 2400 Olentangy River Road and can be reached at (614) 292-5834. The restaurant features a wide variety of unique entrees, pastas and salads, creamy soups, fresh rolls, and tempting desserts. The menu and relaxing atmosphere will keep you coming back!

Serving hours for Oxley’s Restaurant at the Fawcett Center:

Monday–Friday 7 a.m.–2 p.m.

Other On-Campus Eateries

Cam’s on Campus, on the lower level of the Wexner Center, serves fresh sandwiches and wraps, organic rice bowls, soups, salads, smoothies, coffee and espresso (including free trade coffee), and fresh baked goods. See a menu, find out about special events, and check for hour updates at wexarts.org/cams.

Serving hours for Cam’s on Campus:

Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Closed on university holidays and during some breaks.

Note: Cam’s accepts BuckID as a debit card but not for meal plan “swipes.”

New dining locations coming soon. Visit diningservices.osu.edu for more information.

Off-Campus Student Services

■ offcampus.osu.edu

Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) provides programs and services to meet the needs of students wishing to live, serve, and engage in the University District and local community.

Off-Campus Housing Service

Off-Campus Student Services provides students with a variety of resources to assist them in their search for off-campus housing. This resource includes an online housing search with available rental units in the University District and Columbus area. The OCSS web site also includes other helpful information and resources such as tips for apartment or house hunting, a lease checklist, move-in/move-out checklist, roommate search resources, Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law, and referrals to legal services. OCSS also hosts an off-campus housing fair each year and at least one roommate fair each quarter.

Online Roommate Search

An online roommate search is available to all students. Individuals who have housing and are looking for an additional roommate, as well as those who are seeking a place to live with others, can complete a roommate profile online, which will be made available to others seeking roommates. Information regarding the student's year in school, study and socializing habits, etc., are included on the online roommate profile. OCSS also hosts at least one roommate fair each quarter. Check the "Latest News" section on offcampus.osu.edu for updated information on upcoming roommate fairs and other special events.

Additional Housing Information Services

Off-Campus Student Services also has various other information, including general housing information, renter's insurance, protecting security deposits, getting repairs done, utility hookups, how to sublet an apartment, local area child care centers, and public transportation information.

CampusTrades

■ campustrades.osu.edu

OCSS hosts this web site to give Ohio State students a chance to buy and sell items, such as textbooks, furniture, appliances, and much more! This is a free service. CampusTrades is the easiest and fastest way to buy and sell used items.

Student Programs

There are several programs sponsored by OCSS to enhance the quality of living in the University District:

- *Community Ambassadors*. These students live in the University District and, in conjunction with Off-Campus Student Services, actively work to build community among fellow Ohio State students who live off campus. Community Ambassadors plan various activities such as street meetings, cookouts, sports tournaments, and neighborhood beautification—and they act as a resource for fellow students.
- *Adopt-A-Street*. Student organizations “adopt” streets in the University District and conduct monthly litter clean-up activities and literature drops each quarter.

Commuter Student Services

Students who drive to school from home may find connecting to campus more challenging than those who live on campus. For students who commute, Off-Campus Student Services has created a “home base” with space to relax or study between classes.

The Commuter Lounge, located at 15 E. 15th Avenue, offers comfortable couches, a big screen TV, computers with Internet access only, a microwave oven, a refrigerator, and lockers. Free lockers (lock provided) are available quarterly on a first-come, first-served basis starting the first day of classes each quarter. The Commuter Lounge is not only an ideal space for relaxing and studying comfortably between classes, but it also provides a place where commuters can meet other commuter students and socialize.

OCSS maintains an online rideshare and carpool listing service for Ohio State students at offcampus.osu.edu/rideshare. The listing service is free and available only to Ohio State students, faculty, and staff. Users may post ads for carpools (ongoing regular ride arrangements between several persons from a designated area to campus) or rideshares (a one-time, possibly round-trip, ride arrangement with another person or persons) as both drivers and passengers.

The office also provides resources and information for students who commute. Commuters can find CABS maps, Transportation and Parking Services “Policies & Procedures,” safety information, and campus services literature. The staff of OCSS is available to answer commuters' questions and to help them find needed information and services.

Visit offcampus.osu.edu and click on “Commuter Services” for other commuter services such as the commuter student online newsletter and information about the Commuter Student Organization. Stop by 15 E. 15th Avenue or call (614) 292-0100, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Technology Services

■ cio.osu.edu

Office of the Chief Information Officer

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) provides services to help Ohio State students use technologies in learning, teaching, research, and administrative settings. The Office of the CIO, through the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Technology Enhanced Learning and Research (TELR), offers many computing, instructional, and telecommunication services, including wired and wireless network access, e-mail, technology support for course work (Carmen), noncredit computing courses, advanced multimedia laboratory (Digital Union), Student Computer Centers, cable TV, and telephone services. Services are described in the brochure *Information Technology Resources for Students*, available in OIT Student Computer Centers, in many locations around campus, and online at cio.osu.edu/communications/guide/student. Services are provided at various campus locations.

BuckeyeSecure and Safe Computing

Get information on protecting your privacy online, safeguarding sensitive information and physical equipment, dealing with copyright and legal issues, and many more safe computing topics at buckeyesecure.osu.edu.

Ethical and Responsible Use of Computing Resources

The university's Policy on Responsible Use of University Computing Resources provides guidelines for using Ohio State's computing and Internet resources in a responsible manner. Read the policy and find related information at cio.osu.edu/policies/responsible_use.html.

OSU Internet Access

The university and OIT provide high-speed wired and wireless Internet access throughout campus. For off-campus access, several commercial Internet service providers offer cable modem, DSL, and dial-up connectivity. For a summary of options, including high-speed access in the residence halls through ResNet, visit 8help.osu.edu/936.html.

OSU Wireless

Ohio State offers wireless Internet "hot spots" in many Columbus campus buildings, including university-housing areas, and within their immediate vicinity outside. Get more information at wireless.osu.edu.

OSU Internet Access Management

Internet access on campus is available with an OSU Internet username and password. Students need an OSU Internet username whether using Ohio State's Internet services or a commercial option. The OSU Internet username is the unique identifier that enables students to send and receive e-mail using Buckeye Mail student e-mail service, forward campus mail to their preferred service provider, access secure campus web servers, and obtain network authentication in OIT Student Computer Centers and OSU Wireless hotspots.

An OSU Internet username takes the form lastname.# (for example, brutus.2). To activate the OSU Internet username and create a password, go to <https://acctmgt.service.ohio-state.edu> and follow the directions.

Students who prefer to have university e-mail forwarded to another Internet Service Provider after they activate their OSU Internet username can specify their preference at the time of activation or later by doing one of the following:

- Change the delivery option on the osu.edu e-mail tab on the OSU Account Management page at <https://acctmgt.service.ohio-state.edu>.
- Call (614) 688-HELP.
- Visit 8help.osu.edu/2989.html for more details.

Buckeye Mail

Buckeye Mail is Ohio State's student e-mail system, provided through a partnership with Microsoft. Visit 8help.osu.edu/buckeyemail for information about the service and how to get started.

Help Desk

The IT Service Desk handles technical problems and inquiries concerning computer hardware and software, Internet access and software, Carmen, e-mail, cable TV, and telephone services.

Online help: 8help.osu.edu

E-mail: 8help@osu.edu

Phone: (614) 688-HELP or TDD: (614) 688-8743

Walk-in location: 025 Central Classroom Building

Hours of operation are available at 8help.osu.edu/1691.html.

BuckeyeBar

The OIT BuckeyeBar offers face-to-face technology consultation and service. If your laptop can't connect to the Internet, has a virus problem, is a bit on the sluggish side, or you wonder what PDA to buy, from whom to get an Internet connection, or how best to take advantage of the university's IT resources, then the folks at the BuckeyeBar can help. They also handle a variety of technology questions and more. For details, visit 8help.osu.edu/3461.html.

Carmen

Carmen is Ohio State's online learning management system. To access your Carmen courses, go to carmen.osu.edu and log in with your OSU Internet username. Students whose instructors use Carmen will find their courses listed under My Courses on the Carmen main page.

Student Computer Centers

OIT manages multiple computer centers around campus to ensure that students have access to technologies for course work and communication. Most centers are open on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, send e-mail to scc@osu.edu, call (614) 292-8400, or visit scc.osu.edu.

Training and Education

OIT offers quarterly computing short courses on computing software and hardware, Internet access, and multimedia. View the course list online at oit.osu.edu/compcourses.html and register for upcoming courses.

Low or No Cost Software

A variety of popular software is available at Ohio State at low or no cost through negotiated agreements, educational discounts, and volume purchases. For current distribution methods, go to oit.osu.edu/site_license. For site-licensed software distribution questions, send e-mail to 8help@osu.edu, call (614) 688-HELP, or visit osusls.osu.edu.

Multimedia

The Digital Union, with a professional staff and student interns, supports collaborative and innovative applications of multimedia technology for research and class assignments. The facility is located on the third floor of the Science and Engineering Library. For more information, go to digitalunion.osu.edu or call (614) 292-2793 to schedule an appointment.

Streaming Audio/Video Services

OIT Classroom Digital Media Distribution can help produce professional quality audio and video presentations, successfully integrate streaming media into a web page or online course, and execute interactive video conferences. For audio and video services, visit streaming.osu.edu or call (614) 292-9689.

Cable TV and Phone Services

OIT Telecommunications and Networking group delivers basic cable TV as a standard service in all Ohio State residence hall rooms and some university-owned or managed apartments. Students living in

these locations need to bring their own TV equipment. Additionally, a number of optional telephone services are available to students living in university housing. For details, visit units.osu.edu, send an e-mail to units@osu.edu, or call (614) 688-HELP. (For outside Columbus, call toll free at 800-678-6003.)

Wexner Center Store

Apple products and services are available in the Wexner Center Store. The Store, located in the lower lobby of the Wexner Center for the Arts, is currently a retailer of Apple products at The Ohio State University. For details, visit www.wexarts.org/bks/apple.

WiredOut, the Tech Store @ OSU

WiredOut, the campus tech store, offers significant educational discounts on a wide variety of computer models from Apple, Dell, and Hewlett Packard. Discounts are also offered for on-site service of all computers purchased at WiredOut. Other popular technology products available include iPods, cameras, and accessories. Students can also purchase Adobe software for up to 80% off regular retail price. When buying computer and accessories for the school year, be sure to check out WiredOut, located in the Central Classroom Building on the Columbus campus. For details, visit wiredout.osu.edu.

Transportation and Parking

■ tp.osu.edu

Ohio State's Office of Transportation and Parking (T&P) oversees the parking lots and garages at the university and administers the Campus Area Bus Service (CABS) and the Handivan. Students and visitors are encouraged to visit the T&P web site to find the most up-to-date information on parking permits, bus schedules, and road construction advisories.

CABS (Campus Area Bus Service)

T&P provides a free campus bus service to transport students, faculty, staff, and visitors around campus. CABS maps are available on all buses, in the residence halls, and at the T&P customer service office in 160 Bevis Hall on West Campus. T&P also provides a door-to-door paratransit service, called "Handivan," for permanently or temporarily disabled customers.

For more information about CABS or Handivan services, please contact T&P at (614) 292-9341 or 1-877-OSU-PARK, or by e-mail at tpinfo@osu.edu.

BuckID

■ buckid.osu.edu

BuckID is the official ID of The Ohio State University. BuckID is used to provide access to residence halls and recreational facilities, to check out materials from the libraries, to print or make copies, to use meal plans and the COTA bus service, and more. Students can also use their BuckID as a debit card at over 250 participating locations. Unlike a credit card, there is no interest, monthly service charge, or annual membership dues. And unlike a bank-issued debit card, there are no overdraft fees or penalties. For all students, BuckID is a necessity of everyday campus life.

Upon receiving a BuckID each student is automatically assigned a BuckID debit account. To begin using the debit account, simply deposit funds in one of these ways: visit one of our nine deposit stations located on campus, visit the BuckID Card Services Office in 219 Lincoln Tower, deposit online at buckid.osu.edu, or deposit by phone at (614) 292-0400. Deposits can be made using cash, check, or credit card. BuckID funds will carry over each quarter, or can be refunded upon request at the end of spring quarter. The BuckID Cardholder Agreement is available for review at buckid.osu.edu.

Students who did not obtain a BuckID card during orientation should take a picture ID (driver's license or other state or federal identification) to the BuckID Card Services Office in 219 Lincoln Tower. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during summer quarter from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To report a lost or stolen card after business hours, call (614) 292-5700. For additional information contact BuckID Card Services at (614) 292-0400 or go to buckid.osu.edu.

OSU ID Number

As part of the university's initiative to remove SSNs as a main identifier from student-related data, all new students will be assigned a 9-digit OSU ID number upon receiving their BuckID card during orientation. The 9-digit identifier will be imprinted on the top of the BuckID card, allowing students to utilize the identifier (along with a personal password) to access their student records and other information stored in the new Student Information System (SIS).



Bookstores

■ ohiostate.bkstore.com

The Ohio State University Bookstore is located in the Central Classroom Building, 2009 Millikin Rd. The bookstore carries competitively priced new and used textbooks for courses offered at Ohio State; school supplies; reading, reference, and bargain books; beverages and snacks; and a great selection of Ohio State clothing and gift items. The Ohio State University Bookstore can be reached at (614) 292-2991.

Barnes & Noble, The Ohio State University Bookstore, opened in August 2005. Located at the corner of 11th Avenue and High Street in the exciting, new South Campus Gateway complex, the bookstore is a full-service academic superstore. The Ohio State University Bookstore carries a full selection of new and used textbooks for over 3,000 courses, all at competitive prices. The new bookstore features a cafe with indoor and outdoor seating; reference and general reading titles; magazines; school, office, art, and technical supplies; a residence hall shop; and the best selection of Ohio State apparel and gifts! This Barnes & Noble can be reached at (614) 247-2000.

Additionally, there are three other bookstores located around campus that stock textbooks required for Ohio State classes:

- Buckeye Books (2060 N. High St.)
- College Town (1770 N. High St.)
- Student Book Exchange, also known as SBX (1806 N. High St.)

Campus Activities

■ ohiounion.osu.edu

Welcome Week

■ welcomeweek.osu.edu

The entire university gets geared up to welcome autumn quarter students during Welcome Week. Beginning with residence hall move-in, Welcome Week is packed with more than 120 events on campus to kick off autumn quarter. Events include ice cream socials; campus office open houses; Community Commitment, the nation's largest single-day community service event on a college campus; Buck-i-Frenzy, an amazing festival of food, music, and giveaways from dozens of area businesses; and other events that will introduce you to the spirit, diversity, and traditions of Ohio State.

One of the first events of Welcome Week immediately follows convocation. After marching through Ohio Stadium, the university president, provost, and marching band escort new students to the Welcome Week President's Picnic and Buckeye Bash. While enjoying a free lunch, students will find more than 500 student organizations, clubs, community service agencies, campus offices, and local and national businesses at the Student Involvement Fair to highlight what there is to do at Ohio State outside the classroom.

For a full listing of Welcome Week events, visit welcomeweek.osu.edu.

Student Organizations

There are many ways to get involved with student organizations at Ohio State. Not only will students have an opportunity to meet new friends and serve the university community, but also studies show that students who get involved with campus organizations tend to do better academically and have a positive regard for the institution. The Ohio Union encourages all students to find an organization and make a contact. Ways to get involved:

1. Attend the Student Involvement Fair, an autumn and winter quarter event that attracts thousands of students who are interested in the hundreds of student organizations at Ohio State.
2. Attend the initial meetings of student organizations. Many meeting times are listed on the online student organization directory at ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs/orgs_directory.asp. The directory can be searched by keyword. For example, entering the keyword “dance” finds nearly 40 organizations, including the Ballroom Dance Association. There is something for everyone!
3. Go online; many student organizations have web sites that contain valuable information about the organization, the officers, and meeting times.
4. Stop by the Ohio Union at Ohio Stadium. While the Ohio Union on High Street is being rebuilt, you can find several great resources for getting involved by visiting between Gates 22 and 24 on the southeast side of the stadium. There you can chat with Student Activities staff members that are happy to help you find something, stop by one of the student organization offices, or visit the Student Organization Resource Center (SOURCE). The SOURCE has computers, fax machines, mailboxes, and resources for student organizations to share. Many student leaders use the room for organization purposes, but also to meet one another and share ideas.
5. For students who live in residence halls, talk with RAs or hall directors about their recommendations to get involved.

For further information on student activities at Ohio State, go to the student activities web site at ohiounion.osu.edu.

Student Activity Fee

All Ohio State students pay a \$15 per quarter student activity fee that provides social, cultural, and entertainment opportunities. The Ohio Union Activities Board (ouab.osu.edu) uses a portion of the activity fee to plan concerts, lectures, comedy events, movie screenings, late night programs, and other special events for all students to attend. Student organizations and student governments are also funded by the activity fee.

The student activity fee also funds the Explore Columbus program, which offers heavily discounted tickets to students for events off campus, such as Blue Jackets hockey games, Broadway Series performances downtown, concerts at the Schottenstein Center

and Nationwide Arena, and standing discounts at places like the Columbus Zoo and the Arena Grand Theater. There are new special deals for students every week, which can be found at the Ohio Union Information Center online at explorecolumbus.osu.edu.

Student Government

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is the official undergraduate student governing body of The Ohio State University. USG acts as the advocate for all undergraduate students by providing a voice to be heard by students, faculty, staff, and administration. The governing body is comprised of 42 elected officials: the president, the vice president, and 40 USG senators who represent the colleges and living areas of the students. There is also a student cabinet, appointed by the president and vice president, as well as several independent officers. The purpose of USG is to implement programs and work with the administration to improve life on and around campus for all undergraduate students.

Greek Life

■ ohiounion.osu.edu/greek_life

The Ohio State Greek community comprises some of the university's best student organizations. Forty fraternities and 21 sororities comprise the Greek community at Ohio State. Each of the 61 Greek organizations promotes the ideals of service, leadership, scholarship, and lifelong friendship among its members. Programs include service-learning projects, academic assistance, intramural sports, and leadership retreats—all to facilitate development and involvement as an Ohio State student.

For additional information, visit the Ohio Union and Student Activities office at Ohio Stadium (between Gates 22 and 24) or call (614) 292-8763.

Recreational Sports

■ recsports.osu.edu

Through the Department of Recreational Sports, the university offers a wide range of opportunities for students to stay active and get involved. Recreational opportunities include open recreation, intramural sports, fitness services, aquatics, adapted recreational sports, sports clubs, outdoor adventure, and more. For more information, visit recsports.osu.edu.

Access to Recreation Facilities and Programs

All students enrolled with four or more credit hours at the Ohio State's Columbus campus are automatically members and have a mandatory recreation fee applied to their quarterly fee statement. This gives students the use of all five recreation facilities and access to all recreation programs, including Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs. Some programs may have additional fees. Admittance to the recreation facilities requires a current BuckID.

Recreation Facilities

Recreational Sports has five indoor recreation centers located throughout campus. The Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC) and the Adventure Recreation Center (ARC) are considered two of the finest facilities in the country. Conveniently located next to Ohio Stadium, the RPAC opened in August 2005 and boasts 27,500 square feet of fitness space, four gymnasiums with 12 multi-purpose wood courts, four squash courts, 10 racquetball courts, five multi-purpose rooms, seven golf-hitting stations, and five swimming pools. The ARC is located on West Campus and houses the Tom W. Davis Fitness Center, four hardwood courts, two indoor turf fields, and the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC). The Jesse Owens Recreation Centers (North and South) offer cardio machines, strength training, free weight equipment, and basketball courts. Jesse Owens South also has table tennis and a bouldering wall. The Jesse Owens West Tennis Center is the only on-campus indoor tennis facility, offering four tennis courts.

Open Recreation

Open Recreation provides opportunities for everyone to participate in unstructured physical activity. This self-directed approach to participation allows members the convenience to enjoy numerous recreational offerings. Members have access to basketball, racquetball and squash courts, fitness and weight-lifting equipment, five pools, and more. Open Recreation is available every day of the week, including early morning and late-night hours.



Intramural Sports

Intramural Sports at Ohio State offers something for everyone, ranging from one-day events to quarter-long individual and team sports. Flag football, basketball, ice hockey, and soccer—these are just a few of over 40 different individual and team sports and activities offered. Registration is held during the first week of each quarter in the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion.

Fitness

Fitness Services offers multiple opportunities, including everything from group exercise classes to personal training and massage therapy. Classes include kickboxing, interval training, body sculpting, yoga, and many others. Members are even given the chance to try any group

fitness class for free during the first week of each quarter. Quarterly passes, which allow participation in all aerobics classes, are for sale at the RPAC throughout the year.

Sport Clubs

The Sport Clubs program consists of more than 70 active, student-run clubs. These clubs may be competitive, instructional, or recreational. Teams are designed for amateur athletes who enjoy the camaraderie and excitement of intercollegiate competition while improving skills not necessarily met by existing intramural and intercollegiate programs.

Aquatics

Five different swimming pools are available for Rec Sports members to enjoy. Recreational swimming is available in the six-lane, 25-yard lap pool. The facilities also include an eight-lane, 25-yard class instructional pool, and a 2,848-square-foot leisure pool. And after a long swim or workout, members can relax in the whirlpool spa, which holds up to 25 people. The home of Ohio State's varsity swimming and diving programs, the Bill and Mae McCorkle Aquatics Pavilion, is also open for limited recreational swimming.

Outdoor Adventure

The Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), located within the Adventure Recreation Center (ARC), offers fun, challenging, and affordable wilderness-based experiences. Members can take weekend excursions and organize trips for winter and spring break. Trips include hiking, camping, skiing, mountain biking, ice climbing, rock climbing, white water rafting, and much more. The OAC also rents equipment, allowing members to plan their own adventure.

Climbing Center

The Tom W. Davis Climbing Center features two state-of-the-art climbing walls, providing challenging fun for beginners and experienced climbers alike. Together, the Nicros Art Wall and the West Coast Wall offer more than 50 different climbing routes. The 4,000 square feet of climbing space has 25 top-rope routes, eight lead routes, crack climbing, a bouldering cave, and a simulated ice wall. All climbing is on a drop-in basis.

Adapted Recreational Sports

The Adapted Recreational Sports (ARS) program offers the opportunity for disabled individuals to remain physically active, while connecting with others and exploring new challenges. ARS offers youth and adult classes, including aquatics, weight training, gymnastics, yoga, and more.

Age Group and Camps Program

The Age Group and Camps (AGAC) program serves the diverse recreational needs of the entire Ohio State community, from infants to senior citizens. Instructional classes include swimming, basketball, gymnastics, tennis, and more. Camps are also offered throughout the school year to provide children with fun activities and physical activity during non-school days and weeks.

Employment Opportunities

The Department of Recreational Sports offers a variety of wage and federal work study positions. Our student staff plays a valuable role in meeting the needs of our members by providing excellent customer service. Working in Recreational Sports provides valuable work experience, certifications, measurable achievements, competitive wages, lifelong learning opportunities, and lasting friendships. Visit recsports.osu.edu for more information.

Religious and Spiritual Life

A diverse student body brings a variety of religious backgrounds to our university community. Many of the religious groups on campus are coordinated by the University Interfaith Association (UIA) with help from the Office of Student Life. In addition to providing information about specific religious communities, the UIA provides a forum and advocacy for religious and spiritual issues among students, faculty, and staff. The Multicultural Center provides programming, workshops, dialogues, and resources, such as interfaith coffee discussions and an interfaith calendar, with the aim of educating students about religious and spiritual diversity on campus. The Student Wellness Center is an additional resource for spirituality programming.

To get connected with a religious group on campus, please contact Bob Trube at (614) 764-4823 or at RTrube54@sbcglobal.net. To learn more about the Multicultural Center programming, please contact Nicole Nieto at (614) 688-8449 or at nieto.12@osu.edu. To learn more about the Wellness Center's programming, please call (614) 292-4527. *A sampling of places of worship near campus can be found in the directory in this guide.*

Media

The Ohio State University is as big as a small city both in terms of its physical size and the population of its citizens. Staying informed about Ohio State and the issues surrounding it is important. Here are some ways to stay informed:

The *Lantern*, the daily student newspaper, is free to students. It is available each weekday morning in various class buildings, residence halls, and offices. The *Lantern* is published by the School of Communication weekdays during autumn, winter, and spring quarters, and twice a week during summer quarter. The *Lantern* can also be found on the Web at thelantern.com.

Ohio State's Public TV and Radio Stations serve the campus community and Columbus:

- WOSU-AM, 820 kHz, offers music and talk shows 24 hours a day.
- WOSU-FM, 89.7 MHz, offers classical and jazz music 24 hours a day.
- WOSU-TV, channel 34, is Columbus' PBS affiliate and also features locally produced programming.

¿Que Pasa, OSU? is a quarterly publication that highlights activities of the Hispanic community at Ohio State. quepasa.osu.edu

Makio, a Japanese word meaning "magic mirror," is the university yearbook. ohiounion.osu.edu/makio

Buckeye TV is the student-run television station of Ohio State. Located in the Drake Performance and Event Center, Buckeye TV airs student-produced shows such as "Buckeye News Weekly," "Buckeye Back Talk Live," "Music on Campus," and several Buckeye sports shows. An academically supported laboratory in the Department of Theatre, the station also airs programming produced by Ohio State's Film and Video Society and serves as the broadcasting outlet for students interested in television and related careers. Students can enroll in Theatre 693 to get started with Buckeye TV. buckeyetv.com

Arts on Campus

■ arts.osu.edu

The Ohio State University boasts a wide range of venues where students are exposed to the cultural arts—from music and performing arts halls to designated gallery spaces. Below is a sampling of performance spaces and galleries on campus.

Performance Arts

Theatre

■ theatre.osu.edu

The **Drake Performance and Event Center**, home to the Department of Theatre, features three very different performance spaces. The center hosts theatrical performances ranging from national touring companies to faculty and student-produced works. Tickets for performances can be purchased at the ticket office located on the first floor of the Drake Center, or call (614) 292-2295 for more information.

- **Thurber Theatre**, named for James Thurber, acclaimed writer, artist, humorist, and alumnus, is a 600-seat proscenium stage with fully supported lighting, sound, and fly systems.
- **Roy Bowen Theatre** is a thrust stage seating 250, with fully supported lighting and sound systems. The theater was named in honor of Roy Bowen, teacher, director, scholar, administrator, and friend who directed over 150 plays, many at Ohio State.
- **New Works Lab**, the Department of Theatre's laboratory space, seats 30 for new and experimental works. Its purpose is to be an incubator for the creation of new and experimental theater in traditional and nontraditional forms.

The **Mount Hall Studio Theatre** is a black box theater normally seating 80, with fully supported lighting and sound systems. The theater is located on West Campus in Mount Hall.

Music

■ music.osu.edu

Weigel Auditorium is the principle venue hosting concerts and recitals of students in Ohio State's School of Music as well as a variety of guest artists and musicians. The auditorium is located in Weigel Hall.

Browning Amphitheatre is an outdoor amphitheatre hosting a variety of performances, including the Ohio State Jazz Combos and the Pops Percussion Concert. The amphitheatre is located east of Mirror Lake.

Dance

■ dance.osu.edu

Sullivant Theatre, home venue of Ohio State's Department of Dance, hosts performances by students and celebrated visitors. The theater is located in Sullivant Hall, (614) 292-7977.

Film

At the **Wexner Center Film/Video Theater**, students can see films and videos they won't find any place else in central Ohio. They can sample the latest independent features, films from around the globe, and classics from Hollywood and abroad. Students can also hear filmmakers introduce and discuss their own works. It's like a film festival that lasts all year. The theater is on the lower level of the Wexner Center. Visit wexarts.org/fv for schedule information.

Additional Performance Spaces

Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center is a multi-purpose venue that, in addition to being the home of Buckeye basketball and hockey, hosts concerts, family shows, and touring productions. The Schottenstein Center is located at the corner of Lane Avenue and Olentangy River Road.

Mershon Auditorium, next to the Wexner Center, is a large multipurpose auditorium/theater that seats over 2,400. Performances, dance and music concerts, lectures, and special events sponsored by the Wexner Center and varied campus and community groups are held in Mershon.

The Wexner Center Performance Space is located in the Wexner Center building. The Wexner Center presents theater, dance, and music—including indie rock and jazz—in this black box space for audiences of 120 to 550 people.

Art Galleries

The **Wexner Center for the Arts** is Ohio State's contemporary arts center and an active "laboratory" for the development of new works. It's a major campus destination for exhibitions, performances, and films, all in an architectural landmark. Exhibitions feature well-known artists and emerging talents, and admission to the galleries is free. There's also an unusual book and gift shop, a café, and Wi-Fi access.

All Ohio State students enjoy ticket discounts, special student events, and other benefits at the Wexner Center. The center is located at 1871 North High Street. Visit wexarts.org for schedule information, hours, and details.

The **Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center** houses two gallery spaces named after famous African American artists, Richmond Barthe and Elijah Pierce. Elijah Pierce ran a barber shop on Long Street in Columbus in the 1950s. Each of these artists was recognized for his uniquely creative and outstanding artistic contributions to society. The Barthe and Pierce Galleries consist of a wide variety of styles and forms of paintings from nationally recognized artists, with a majority from the Columbus area. Currently, a total of 150 pieces of artwork are located in both galleries and throughout the center. The Hale Center is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Other galleries around campus

Bricker Hall Gallery, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, in the first and second floor lobbies of Bricker Hall.

Hopkins Hall Gallery and Corridor, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Featuring work from students and faculty from the College of the Arts and special visiting exhibits, the gallery is located on the first floor of Hopkins Hall.

Faculty Club Gallery, open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Artwork is displayed in the foyer, hallway, and member lounge of the Faculty Club.

Snowden Gallery, part of the Historic Costume and Textiles Collection, features exhibitions to showcase artifacts from the collection. Open from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; from 11:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday. The gallery is located in the northwest wing of Campbell Hall.

Cartoon Research Library, open during normal library hours, is located in the lower level of the Wexner Center across from the Fine Arts Library.

Arts Events Listings

The Lantern - thelantern.com

onCampus - oncampus.osu.edu

College of the Arts calendar - arts.osu.edu/3news_events/c_events_calendar/b_events_calendar.html

Wexner Center for the Arts calendar - wexarts.org/cal

Schottenstein Center events - schottensteincenter.com

University events calendar - osu.edu/events/indexWeek.php