

# COLUMBUS COMMUNITY



***Columbus is the capital of Ohio and the state's largest city with more than 730,000 people. Newsweek magazine calls Columbus one of America's most livable cities, and it's not surprising. Spread out over 225 square miles, Columbus offers a bustling downtown, quaint neighborhoods, lazy rivers, and lots to see and do.***

## Surrounding Neighborhoods

### South Campus Gateway

■ [southcampusgateway.com](http://southcampusgateway.com)

The redevelopment of the campus's southern gateway along High Street offers restaurants and entertainment venues, shopping, a theater, and apartments. This mixed-use urban complex adds vibrancy and a sleek new look to the east border of campus.

**Landmark's Gateway Theatre**, 1550 N. High Street, (614) 545-2255, Features a café, a lounge, and seven state-of-the art movie theaters offering a mix of commercial and art films.

**Barnes & Noble, The Ohio State University Bookstore**, 1598 N. High Street, (614) 247-2000. One of only 11 Barnes & Noble academic superstores in the country. Features academic, trade book, and periodical sections, as well as Buckeye gear.

### Short North Arts District

■ [shortnorth.org](http://shortnorth.org)

This area between campus and downtown along High Street features excellent restaurants, shopping, and art galleries. The Short North is home to a Gallery Hop on the first Saturday of every month. Held in the early evening, the hop is a must for lovers of arts and crafts, as gallery owners open their doors for extended hours, sometimes offering hors d'oeuvres while visitors enjoy the exhibits.



### Arena District

This dynamic area surrounds the Nationwide Arena with its urban village housing, office space, restaurants, and movie theater.



Photo Courtesy of Nationwide

**Nationwide Arena**, 200 W. Nationwide Boulevard, (614) 246-2000, [nationwidearena.com](http://nationwidearena.com). Located in the Scioto River Peninsula in downtown Columbus, Nationwide Arena is home to the Columbus Blue Jackets ice hockey team and a site for shows, concerts, and exhibitions.

**Arena Grand Theatre**, 175 W. Nationwide Boulevard, (614) 469-5000, [arenagrand.com](http://arenagrand.com). Features an eight-screen all-THX stadium movie theater and café.

**North Market**, 59 Spruce Street, (614) 463-9664, [northmarket.com](http://northmarket.com). A historic public market in the Arena District, the North Market has been home to butchers, bakers, fishmongers, green grocers, and farmers since 1876. Those establishments are still there, joined by a unique collection of shops and restaurants.

### Downtown

About two miles south of campus is downtown Columbus where many major companies have their national headquarters. However, the downtown area is anything but just business. Visitors will find award-winning restaurants, theaters, galleries, and museums, as well as the confluence of the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers, both of which are lined with beautiful, tranquil parks.

**Columbus Museum of Art**, 480 E. Broad Street, (614) 221-6801, [columbusmuseum.org](http://columbusmuseum.org). Permanent collections of European and American artworks, traveling exhibitions, ethnographic and decorative arts, gift shops, and a café. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday; closed Monday and holidays.

**Columbus Symphony Orchestra**, 55 E. State Street, (614) 228-8600, [columbussymphony.com](http://columbussymphony.com). The highly acclaimed orchestra performs classical and pops concerts in the Ohio Theatre and outdoors with Picnic with the Pops. Call for show times.

**COSI—Center of Science and Industry**, 333 W. Broad Street, (614) 228-COSI, [cosi.org](http://cosi.org). Hands-on science exhibits make discovery fun for children and adults. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

**Franklin Park Conservatory**, 1777 E. Broad Street, (614) 645-TREE, [fpconservatory.org](http://fpconservatory.org). Four climates are housed in this horticultural landmark that also includes bonsai and orchid collections, a gift shop, and a café. The conservatory is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

**The King Arts Complex**, 867 Mount Vernon Avenue, (614) 645-KING, [kingartscomplex.com](http://kingartscomplex.com). A cultural and performing arts facility housing the Elijah Pierce Gallery and hosting a variety of music, dance, theater, and literary events. The gallery is open from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Ohio Statehouse**, Broad Street and High Street, (614) 446-2125, [statehouse.state.oh.us](http://statehouse.state.oh.us). The center of downtown is home to this beautiful example of Greek/Doric architecture, including a dome detailed with 24-carat gold leaf. The Statehouse is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Free guided tours are available every day.

**Ohio Theatre**, 55 E. State Street, (614) 469-0939. This beautifully ornate, grand old theater is a venue for top touring pop, jazz, and classical entertainers and home to a summer classic film series. Call for show times.

**Palace Theatre**, 34 W. Broad Street, (614) 469-9850. Designed to resemble France's Palais de Versailles, the Palace is home to Opera Columbus. The Columbus Symphony Orchestra, the Jazz Arts Group, and the Broadway Series also performs here.

**Southern Theatre**, 21 E. Main Street, (614) 340-9698. Columbus's only remaining 19th-century theater hosts jazz, opera, classic, and popular entertainers. Call for show times.



### Victorian Village

Bordering the campus on the south is the neighborhood known as Victorian Village. Named for its restored Victorian-style architecture, the village also offers lovely front-yard gardens and Goodale Park.

### German Village

Just south of downtown is the neighborhood of German Village, renowned for its beautifully restored brick homes and cobblestone streets. German Village is also known for its fine restaurants, galleries, shops, and bookstores.

**Brewery District**, High and Front Streets, (614) 241-2070. The renovated and remodeled brewery buildings house fine shops and restaurants, outdoor concerts and summer events.

### Grandview

Across the river from the university is the community of Grandview, a rapidly growing neighborhood that is quickly becoming a haven of culture. Grandview also boasts its share of fine restaurants, cafés, and shops.

### Shopping

**Easton Town Center**, 4004 Morse Crossing, (614) 337-2200, [eastontowncenter.com](http://eastontowncenter.com). Innovative shopping, dining, and entertainment center located in northeast Columbus near the intersection of I-270 and Morse Road. Features indoor and outdoor shopping and dining, theaters, storefronts with Georgian architecture, green space, and pedestrian walkways.

**Lennox Town Center**, Olentangy River Road and Kinnear Road, (614) 228-5331. Southwest of the Ohio State campus, Lennox boasts a theater, shops, and restaurants including Target, Old Navy, Don Pablo's, and Johnny Rockets.

## Other Attractions



**Columbus Zoo**, 9990 Riverside Drive, Powell, (614) 645-3550, [colszoo.org](http://colszoo.org). A world-class zoo featuring more than 700 species and 11,000 specimens of wildlife. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the year.

**Ohio Historical Center**, 1982 Velma Avenue, (614) 297-2300, [ohiohistory.org](http://ohiohistory.org). Just off I-71 north of downtown, the museum features exhibits about Ohio's history, natural history, and prehistory. Open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

**Olentangy Indian Caverns**, 1779 Home Road, Delaware, (614) 548-7917 [olentangyindiancaverns.com](http://olentangyindiancaverns.com). Off U.S. 23 six miles north of I-270. Tour the three-level caverns and see the geological displays at the cave house museum. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October.

**Sports Ohio**, 6314 Cosgray Road, (614) 764-1000 [sports-ohio.com](http://sports-ohio.com). This sports complex features the Chiller, two indoor ice-skating rinks, a soccer field, batting cages, miniature golf, and a pro shop. Call for public skating times.

**Thurber House**, 77 Jefferson Avenue, (614) 464-1032, [thurberhouse.org](http://thurberhouse.org). Literary center, museum, and bookstore that hosts a reading series of nationally known authors. Open from 1 to 4 p.m. daily. Free self-guided tours are available Monday through Saturday. Call for event information.

## Professional Sports

**Columbus Blue Jackets**, [bluejackets.com](http://bluejackets.com). This National Hockey League team plays in Nationwide Arena in downtown Columbus. Season begins in October.

**Columbus Clippers**, [clippersbaseball.com](http://clippersbaseball.com). A Triple-A baseball franchise in the International League, the Clippers are an affiliate of the Washington Nationals. Their current home field is Huntington Field.

**Columbus Crew**, [thecrew.com](http://thecrew.com). The city's Major League Soccer franchise plays in the first stadium in the country dedicated to soccer—Crew Stadium. Season runs April through September.

## Conveniently Located Area Banks



**Fifth Third Bank**  
The Only Bank On The Ohio State University Campus

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1960 N. High Street  
(614) 291-2017  
OSU Hospital  
450 W. 10th Avenue  
(614) 293-2155  
[53.com](http://53.com)



**Chase**

1698 N. High Street  
(614) 248-2624  
[chase.com](http://chase.com)



**Credit Union of Ohio**

1660 Neil Avenue  
800-443-5698  
[cuofohio.org](http://cuofohio.org)



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1928 N. High Street  
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(614) 486-0040  
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(614) 297-5420  
[pnc.com](http://pnc.com)



**US Bank**

1894 N. High Street  
(614) 291-6960  
Ohio Union  
1739 N. High Street  
(614) 298-8038  
[usbank.com](http://usbank.com)

## Discount Ticket Program

Discount Ticket Program at the Ohio Union offers students an affordable way to access dining, entertainment, cultural events, and sporting events in and around Columbus. Students at the Columbus campus can purchase discounted tickets for special events like Broadway shows, Columbus Crew, etc.; receive standing discounts on movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, the Columbus Zoo, and other attractions; and have special opportunities to attractions outside Columbus, such as trips to Cedar Point, IKEA, or the Cleveland Cavs.

Tickets are made available through the Student Activity Fee. New tickets are added weekly, and students may join the mailing list on [d-tix.osu.edu](mailto:d-tix.osu.edu) to be notified of ticket updates.

## Weather

Greater Columbus has a mild, temperate climate with four distinct seasons. The region's weather can be characterized by the following:

### Yearly Averages

Clear Days	75
Cloudy Days	184
Partly Cloudy Days	106
Rainy Days	75
Precipitation Days	136
Storm Days	42
90-Degree Days	15
Freezing (below 32°F) Days:	122
0°F Days	4
Rainfall:	37 inches
Snowfall	28 inches

### Average High and Low Temperatures

Season	High °F	Low °F
Winter	35	19
Spring	62	41
Summer	84	63
Autumn	65	43

### Temperature Ranges per Month

Month	Min. °F	Max °F	Mean °F
Jan.	19	34	26.5
Feb.	21	38	29.5
Mar.	31	51	41
Apr.	40	62	51
May	50	72	61
Jun.	58	80	69
Jul.	63	84	73.5
Aug.	61	82	71.5
Sep.	55	76	65.5
Oct.	43	65	54
Nov.	25	39	32
Dec.	23	35	28

Source: Places Rated Almanac, 1997

## Visiting Ohio State

### Campus Tours

Students considering Ohio State as a college option and their families or friends can arrange to take a campus tour. Campus tours are offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. most weekdays and select Saturdays throughout the year. Tours must be scheduled two weeks in advance by visiting [campusvisit.osu.edu](http://campusvisit.osu.edu) or calling (614) 292-3980.

### Accommodations

We understand that for some of our guests, it is quite a commute to Ohio State's Columbus campus. Information regarding accommodations convenient to campus can be found at [osu.edu/visitors/accommodations.php](http://osu.edu/visitors/accommodations.php).

### University Affiliated Hotels



#### The Blackwell

2110 Tuttle Park Place  
(614) 247-4000  
[theblackwell.com](http://theblackwell.com)

### More Information

For more information about things to do and places to go in Columbus, visit [easycolumbus.com](http://easycolumbus.com).