

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

College life isn't all about lecture halls and note-taking. From hanging out in residence halls to exploring downtown Columbus, and from getting involved in student organizations to taking advantage of health and wellness resources, Ohio State students have hundreds of opportunities beyond the classroom to learn, get involved and just have fun.

## University Housing

■ [housing.osu.edu](http://housing.osu.edu)

Residence halls are “home,” places to study and students’ springboards for involvement at the university. Students living in residence halls have opportunities to create friendships and participate in all that Ohio State has to offer. Living in residence halls also helps make a large university feel smaller.

### Learning communities

Learning communities provide students with a friendly, supportive and challenging environment within the larger campus community. These communities are designed with learning—and fun—in mind. While living with others who share similar academic, cultural or lifestyle interests, students collaboratively extend learning beyond the classroom through hands-on experiences and by participating in structured programs that enhance what they learn via traditional course work.

Learning communities contribute to students’ foundations for academic success and social networking by providing opportunities for interaction with faculty outside the classroom, in-hall tutoring, shared courses, interaction with other Ohio State community members, social gatherings and group trips.

### Residence halls

#### Academics

Residence hall staff members are committed to student academic success through formal and informal academic programs. Many halls offer tutoring programs for mathematics and sciences, study skill development workshops, and individual academic support.

#### Staff

Each residence hall or complex is staffed by a full-time hall director with an advanced degree in student development and university administration, an assistant hall director (graduate student) and resident advisors (RAs). Living on the floors, RAs coordinate social activities for students, create an academically supportive living environment, serve as a resource for residents and foster community development. In addition, each hall complex has a 24-hour staffed reception desk.

#### Engagement

Successful students are engaged students, and the residence halls offer many opportunities for students to get involved. From residence hall governments to student associations and floor ac-

tivities, residence halls encourage students to find their fit at Ohio State. Students can also consider joining MUNDO (Multicultural Understanding through Nontraditional Discovery Opportunities), the Residence Halls Advisory Council (RHAC), the Black Student Association (BSA) or Allies for Diversity.

University Housing and University Dining Services are two of the largest employers of undergraduate students on campus. Students are able to arrange their work schedule around classes and enjoy the advantages of working where they live or dine.

### Housing contracts

Upon signing their housing contracts, students commit themselves to one academic year, from autumn semester through spring semester. Summer contracts are issued separately. Students should become familiar with the provisions of the housing contract, the regulations that pertain to living units and general housing policies.

Direct questions about housing policies to 350 Morrill Tower, 614-292-8266.

## Frequently asked questions

### General information about residence halls

#### Q What are the benefits of living in the residence halls?

A Data shows that students who live in residence halls have higher graduation and retention rates, improved student engagement and satisfaction, and greater post-graduation success. Students living in residence halls not only meet many other students, but they are also close to much of what is happening on campus. Students have access to many resources and benefit from full-time residence hall staff, including an RA who lives on student floors and housekeeping and maintenance staff that keep residence halls in good repair.

#### Q Who helps students adjust to university life in residence halls?

A Residence hall staff are highly trained and qualified professionals who help students succeed in college. Staff and upperclass students help students get connected to hall activities and university organizations. With over 1,000 student organizations, not to mention the many organizations within Residence Life, there is something for everyone. As students become more involved, they will find friends who share interests and offer different perspectives.

In addition, many halls offer free tutoring to residential students. The staff has experience working with students who need to find academic help. Students can also turn to academic advisors for help as well.

**Q What is the best place to live on campus?**

A There are advantages to each area of campus. Housing is located on the north, south and west sides of campus. Before selecting residence halls, students may want to consider classes and location, but in the first year, students will have classes all over campus.

**Q What happens if students violate policy?**

A The Code of Student Conduct and *Residence Hall Handbook* (available online) detail what is expected of Ohio State community members. Students are responsible for knowing what is contained in these documents—when a student signs a housing contract, he or she agrees to abide by what's included in them.

If a student is found to be involved in something that might not be appropriate, he or she will likely meet with a hall director to discuss what happened. Our desire to meet with students comes from an educational perspective rather than a punitive one. Students can learn from their mistakes and make changes that are necessary to be a better community member.

**Q Will parents be contacted if their student is involved with a violation of campus policy?**

A We treat students as adults, and they have the right to privacy under the law. However, there are times when we will want to partner with a student's family to ensure that the student is getting needed help to foster success. We will encourage a student to speak with family and let them know what's going on. There also may be times that, due to the nature or severity of the incident, we may contact family. In our professional judgment, we will inform family members of what is happening, and we may receive information on how we can best help the student. We do this with the student's best interests in mind.

**Q What if students don't like their roommates?**

A Living with others is a huge part of a student's first year. While we do our best to match people who share common interests and lifestyles, there are times when students may have some difficulty with roommates. Don't worry! Staff will help students through any concerns and will facilitate a roommate agreement where issues are discussed openly. Students may request a move to another room on campus if they continue to experience issues.

**Q Are the halls co-ed?**

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

**Q What happens if students' belongings are damaged or stolen while in residence halls?**

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

**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, the family will end up taking much of it back home. Students should talk with roommates prior to moving in to coordinate who is bringing what.

**Q How often are rooms cleaned?**

A Students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms. Housekeeping staff are responsible for cleaning the public areas, (i.e. hallways and lounges), public rest rooms and bathrooms in the Lincoln and Morrill suites.

**Q Are lofts allowed?**

A Lofts are allowed in most buildings on campus. The following buildings already have bedlofts: Baker West, Baker East, Park-Stradley, Scholars East, Scholars West, Siebert, Smith-Steeb and the Worthington/Neil Complex (William H. Hall Complex). Students can order bedlofts at [bedloft.com](http://bedloft.com). If students choose to build their own bedlofts, they should read the loft guidelines in the *Residence Hall Handbook* under Policies, Contracts and Fees.

**Q Are the halls safe?**

A Most residence hall main doors are locked 24 hours a day. Access is by a student's BuckID. Guests are required to contact a host to be escorted through the building and can be met in the lobby area. We work diligently to ensure everyone's safety. We depend on students to help us do that, too.

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

A Yes. While rooms are typically accessed for maintenance purposes only, students are encouraged to take expensive property home.

**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, some residence halls offer the option to order phone service for an additional fee. Phone service includes unlimited campus, local and domestic long distance calling. Students may order phone service after they move in by contacting Ohio State's IT Service Desk at 614-688-HELP (4357) or [8help@osu.edu](mailto:8help@osu.edu). Students must provide their own phones. Students are also responsible for charges associated with ordering phone service and monthly charges. More information about the phone service and other available services will be distributed to students by Office of the Chief Information Officer at the start of autumn semester.

**Q Do staff members 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 in their adjustment to living on campus. In addition, each hall or complex has a full-time 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. Students are expected to assume responsibility for their own schedules.

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

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

**Q How can students be eco-conscious while living in residence halls?**

A Students can get involved with the halls' efforts to recycle and educate other students and bring only EnergyStar appliances, rechargeable batteries, CFL light bulbs instead of incandescent, a water pitcher filter, and reusable bags and mugs. Students should also turn off lights, use in-room and lobby recycling bins, only run water when needed, and only do full loads of laundry in cold water and not use more soap than needed. Students should see their residence hall staff or hall council sustainability chairperson to learn more about how to contribute to what Ohio State is doing to "go green."

**Q Where can students do laundry?**

A Each residence hall complex is equipped with washers and dryers. Students use money or their BuckID to wash (\$1.25 per load) and/or dry (\$1 per load) clothes.

**Q Are pets allowed?**

A Pets are not permitted in the residence halls.

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

A 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. For safety reasons, bicycles must be walked, not ridden, on the Oval. Bicyclists are reminded that they are considered vehicles under Ohio law and must ride with traffic, obey all traffic laws including stop signs and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, and are not permitted to ride on sidewalks.

**Q Can furniture be removed from the room and replaced with a 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 \$125 per year. See the housing website to learn which halls are academic-year buildings.

**Room assignments and arrival dates**

**Q When do students find out housing assignments?**

A Housing assignments are emailed to students' university email accounts in mid-July for autumn semester enrollees and two to three weeks before classes begin for students starting other terms. The assignment will include the name(s), address(es) and email address(es) of roommate(s), along with arrival information.

**Q What do students do if they don'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 semester. We advise students to give it a try. Most students don't want to move once they get acclimated.

**Q When do the residence halls open?**

A Saturday, August 23, is move-in day for autumn semester 2014. We've worked hard to design a convenient and efficient move-in process; however, on this day, 6,000 students move into the residence hall community. There will be times during the day when there are lines, but usually the wait is not long, and friendly staff is on hand to keep students and families informed of the process and offer refreshments. Move-in day is the Sunday before classes begin for all other terms.

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

A In some cases, we can make arrangements for students to arrive early. Cost for early arrival is \$25 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 send any packages. Packages sent before move-in are sent to a central location where students pick them up and carry the to their rooms. 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.

## Answers for parents

### **Q Who do parents talk to if they are concerned about their student?**

A If parents have a concern about their student, they should speak with the hall director for their student's building. This professional, full-time staff member will give parents suggestions and guidance. We welcome communication from parents and may also ask parents questions about their student to learn more about how we can effectively help.

### **Q Will someone call parents if their student gets into trouble or is sick?**

A If for some reason a student gets in trouble, it is typically not our practice to contact parents unless the student is under 18. Parents can be assured that we discuss with their students the importance of making smart decisions and getting the help they need to be successful. Most times, soliciting help from home is one of those strategies, so we will encourage students to talk with parents.

If a student has a medical emergency, we will first tend to the immediate need and then do our best to be in touch with parents if the student cannot. Often times, the hospital will get in touch with parents first, or sometimes roommates will call. Parents should consider discussing with their student before move-in how they will be notified in cases of medical emergency.

### **Q What can parents do to prepare their student to be successful in the halls and on campus?**

A We suggest parents allow students to make their own choices and to exert their independence when they come to college. Parents should encourage their student not to come home too early or too often.

### **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" long. Students need extra-long (80") twin bed sheets.

### **Q Is carpeting provided in student rooms?**

A No, carpeting is not provided. However, it can be brought from home or purchased from the Residence Hall Advisory Council (RHAC) at the beginning of the year. Watch the mail for more information.

For additional information, please call 614-292-8266 or send an email to [housing@osu.edu](mailto:housing@osu.edu).

## Dining Services

■ [dining.osu.edu](http://dining.osu.edu)

Ohio State offers three types of flexible dining plans. Each plan is created for the residential experience to meet the diverse schedule of students. All plans are valid at Traditions, all-you-can-eat dining halls. Each plan also has options for dining at over 25 other locations on campus, including coffee shops, quick service, casual and table service alternatives.

### **North campus**

#### **Burritos (North Commons)**

Mi burrito gigante! Grab a burrito made just the way you want it, with nachos and other selections all in one place.

#### **Fresh Express (North Commons)**

Find an eclectic array of fresh-baked home-style goods, crisp produce, deli choices and an assortment of quick, pick-up selections.

#### **ksa café (Knowlton Hall)**

Recharge at this ultimate fusion of a gourmet espresso bar, modern café and grand interior design. You'll find fresh sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, muffins, salads, coffee and more.

#### **The PAD (Lane Avenue)**

Only the PAD (Pizza and Delivery) delivers hot and fresh pizza, subs and boneless wings right to your residence hall. Order online at [go.osu.edu/pad](http://go.osu.edu/pad) or call 614-247-PIES.

#### **Oxley's by the Numbers (Tuttle Garage)**

At this casual, trendy eatery in the center of campus, everything just adds up to delicious. Enjoy freshly made subs, salads and tasty desserts.

#### **Terra Byte Café (18th Avenue Library)**

Take a study break and grab a snack. Choose from fresh sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, muffins, salads, coffee and more.

### **Central campus**

#### **Berry Café (William Oxley Thompson Library)**

This grab 'n' go service offers fresh sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, muffins, salads, coffee and more.

#### **Boss Doggs**

Hot-diggity-dog, there is a street-side option! Enjoy a made-to-order hot dog, brat or chicken fajita right off the grill at this food cart.

#### **Courtside Café and Juice 2 (RPAC)**

Step out of the routine and enjoy a fresher alternative to everyday fast-food at the cafe that offers hearty salads, delicious wraps and ethnic selections. Around the corner, find fresh squeezed juice, espresso drinks and smoothies infused with supplements.

### **Crane Cafe (Hagerty Hall)**

Your stop for a quick coffee accompanied by an international specialty side or sandwich.

### **Mirror Lake Creamery and Grill (Pomerene Hall)**

Enjoy student favorites like burgers, subs, sandwiches, milk shakes and ice cream.

### **South campus**

#### **12th Avenue Bread Company (Kennedy Commons)**

Enjoy sandwiches, fresh soups, salads and morning options like quiche and pastries.

#### **Caffeine Element (Prior Health Sciences Library)**

This comfortable oasis for fresh morning goodness offers fresh fruit, pastries, snacks, coffee and sandwiches.

#### **Espress-OH (Ohio Union)**

Warm-up with a specialty coffee or cool down with homemade gelato in this Tuscan-inspired coffee shop.

#### **The MarketPlace (1578 Neil Avenue)**

Find a tempting menu of stir-fry, soups, wraps, pasta and other entrees. And don't miss StreetSweets espresso bar at the entrance!

#### **Union Market (Ohio Union)**

Offers classic grilled favorites at **Fired Up!**, fresh salads at **Across the Field**, international fare at **Buckeye Passports**, and fresh sandwiches and bread at **Dough-HIO**.

#### **Sloopy's Diner (Ohio Union)**

Experience a blast from the past! Catch all your breakfast favorites, diner-style classics and sandwiches named for student leaders and alumni at almost any hour of the day in this 1950s-inspired diner.

#### **Woody's Tavern (Ohio Union)**

This tavern, named in honor of our legendary coach, serves pizza, beer and wine, popcorn, and good old-fashioned root beer.

### **Multiple locations across campus**

#### **Traditions Dining (Morrill Tower, North Commons, Kennedy Commons)**

These traditional cafeteria-style dining venues provide the full range of great-tasting, wholesome comfort food.

#### **The Campus Grind (McPherson Lab, Drinko Hall and Vet Med)**

Conveniently located in high traffic study areas for a light meal, an in-between class snack or a Starbucks treat for the coffee aficionado, these three bakery-café offer an impressive range of espressos, café lattes and coffee, alongside freshly made sandwiches and pastries.

#### **Convenience stores (Marketplace, Morrill, North Commons)**

Offers grocery, convenience and other grab 'n' go items.

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **Dining services and BuckID**

#### **Q What are the benefits to dining on campus?**

A Eating on campus offers more than just convenience. It provides a great opportunity to experience a wide array of food options from all around the world. Food has been well known to build community and bring people together. Eating on campus helps students thrive by interacting with their peers during meals. Dining Services also provides access to culinary and dietary professionals to help students with many types of dietary needs. Resident advisors and residence life staff also routinely dine with students to help cultivate the community environment.

#### **Q Is it possible to eat in any dining location on campus with a dining plan?**

A All meal plans are valid at Traditions dining locations. Meal blocks can also be used in any of the locations operated by Dining Services. A complete listing can be found in this Resource Guide and online.

#### **Q What is a BuckID account?**

A BuckID has 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. The amount of the purchases is deducted from the money in the account.

#### **Q How can money be added to a BuckID account?**

A Students can deposit funds to their BuckID accounts via credit or debit card at [buckid.osu.edu](http://buckid.osu.edu). Students can add funds via cash by visiting one of the deposit stations on campus. BuckID also accepts check deposits via mail, credit card deposits by phone, and cash, check and credit card deposits at the BuckID office. For more information about BuckID, see page 9.

#### **Q Do unused meal plan blocks and BuckID money carry across semesters?**

A Meal plans expire at the end of each semester. Unused blocks do not carry over from semester to semester. Unused BuckID money does carry over to the next semester.

## **Other on-campus eateries**

### **The Fawcett Center (2400 Olentangy River Rd.)**

A full lunch buffet including soups, salads, entrees, vegetables and desserts, along with a menu featuring American favorites.

### **Heirloom (Wexner Center)**

Features local and seasonal ingredients creatively prepared, including breakfast dishes (served all day), soups, salads, sandwiches, entrees and baked goods, plus coffee from Crimson Cup. Locally sourced ingredients are used when possible. BuckID accepted.

## Services for Off-Campus and Commuter Students

■ [offcampus.osu.edu](http://offcampus.osu.edu)

For more information about services for off-campus and commuter students, visit [offcampus.osu.edu](http://offcampus.osu.edu), call 614-292-0100, stop by 3106 Ohio Union or email [offcampus@osu.edu](mailto:offcampus@osu.edu).

### Neighborhood Services and Collaboration

Neighborhood Services and Collaboration (NSC) is a resource center that supports students, faculty and staff in their off-campus housing and living experiences. NSC believes in building strong relationships with community members and works closely with Columbus and university police and fire departments, Community Crime Patrol, landlords, permanent residents, and local area businesses.

#### Online services

- Housing search—search for off-campus housing in the University District and other Columbus area neighborhoods.
- Roommate search—requires a university username/password to protect the privacy of its users.
- Sublet search—post a sublet ad on [offcampus.osu.edu](http://offcampus.osu.edu).

#### Events for students

At the Off-Campus Housing Fair students can get information from landlords, businesses, various Ohio State departments and other community entities to help them make decisions regarding off-campus living arrangements.

The Roommate Fair provides students the opportunity to meet with potential roommates face-to-face in a safe, fun environment. Roommate Fairs are typically held on Friday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. at least once a semester. Check out the online NSC calendar for future dates.

The City of Columbus sells street parking permits at the Neighborhood Services and Collaboration office at the beginning of each academic year. Some landlords don't offer off-street parking, and many streets require residents to have a City Parking Permit.

#### Off-Campus Living Guide

This comprehensive guide outlines the steps to take and resources available to help ensure students have a positive off-campus living experience. Pick up the Off-Campus Living Guide at 3106 Ohio Union or view it online at [offcampus.osu.edu](http://offcampus.osu.edu).

#### Off-Campus Housing Excellence Program

Students can request a home visit from Student Life and the Columbus Fire Department to assess the safety, security and environmental sustainability of their off-campus housing in the university area. Participation is voluntary and free and is available to all students. During the visit, Student Life and Columbus Fire representatives will provide essential life skills information relating to specific safety, security and sustainability criteria that represent a standard of excellence that is designed to create an extraordinary off-campus experience for everyone.

#### Free safety devices

NSC works hard to make sure students stay safe and party smart. In addition to monitoring off-campus neighborhoods, they also provide free safety devices (window/door alarms and safety timers). Pick up safety devices in room 3106 at the Ohio Union.

### Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement

Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement (OCCSE) connects students who live in the neighborhoods near the university to the university, to the community and to information that enhances their living experience. Commuter students who live in the greater Columbus area also can find support and resources through the programs provided by OCCSE.

#### Community Ambassadors

Off Campus and Commuter Student Engagement coordinates the Community Ambassador (CA) program. CAs are students who live in the University District and work to build a stronger community among fellow Ohio State students who live in their neighborhood. Community Ambassadors plan various activities, including Block Watch meetings, community cookouts and tournaments, all focused around helping neighborhood residents build relationships. CAs also provide informational resources for off-campus students regarding city ordinances, trash/refuse collection, city code issues, safety information, Block Watch, the City Call Center and more.

#### Commuter students

OCCSE assists new commuter students with their transition to Ohio State and enhances the experience of continuing commuters. OCCSE coordinates Commuter Preview Day, held prior to the start of autumn semester, which offers new commuter students the opportunity to practice parking on campus, use the CABS bus system, learn how to find classroom buildings and classes, purchase books, conduct university business, and meet other commuter students. For more information on Commuter Preview Day or to register for the program, visit [offcampus.osu.edu](http://offcampus.osu.edu).

#### Commuter Liaisons

Commuter Liaisons are current Ohio State commuter students who work to help other commuters better connect with the Ohio State community. Through small events and special resources, Commuter Liaisons help other commuter students better navigate campus and engage in the college experience.

#### Ridesharing and carpools

OCCSE maintains a free online rideshare and carpool listing service for Ohio State students at [offcampus.osu.edu](http://offcampus.osu.edu) that is 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 either drivers or passengers.

## Commuter lockers and kitchen

Commuter students are encouraged to use the Ohio Union as their home base while on campus. Lockers in the Ohio Union are available to commuter students on a first-come, first-served basis starting the first day of classes each term. Locker use is free, and OCCSE provides the locks. Commuters also have access to a kitchenette in the Ohio Union with two large refrigerators, microwaves and a sink. Visit Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement to reserve a locker or to gain access to the Commuter Kitchen.

## Dining plans for commuter students

Commuter students may purchase any of the dining plans, including the Block-O plan, which is tailored to commuter students' needs.

## Student Legal Services

■ [studentlegal.osu.edu](http://studentlegal.osu.edu)

Student Legal Services (SLS) provides legal advice, representation, education and resources to Ohio State students. SLS counsels and advises, represents in local courts, drafts documents, provides informational materials, and conducts educational outreach programs. SLS assists students with landlord-tenant/off-campus housing disputes, criminal misdemeanors, consumer transactions, traffic offenses, uncontested domestic matters, simple document drafting (including wills and power of attorney) and other miscellaneous matters (including notary services). SLS also provides free lectures, workshops and seminars on legal issues. In addition, informational publications are available in the SLS office for eligible students.

Students are automatically enrolled in the SLS program and are charged the SLS fee in their first term of enrollment for the participation year. The annual fee covers attorney services for the participation year (from the first term of enrollment through July 31), as long as the student remains enrolled at Ohio State. Students wishing to opt-out of SLS coverage can do so through Buckeye Link up to seven days before classes begin.

The SLS office is located at 20 East 11th Avenue in the South Campus Gateway. Students can make an appointment at [studentlegal.osu.edu](http://studentlegal.osu.edu) or by calling 614-247-5853.

## Technology Services

■ [ocio.osu.edu](http://ocio.osu.edu)

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) offers many computing, instructional and telecommunication services, including wired and wireless network access, email, 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*. The guide is available at [ocio.osu.edu/services/guides](http://ocio.osu.edu/services/guides) and in Student Computer Centers around campus. 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 [ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure](http://ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure).

## 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 [ocio.osu.edu/policy/policies/responsible-use](http://ocio.osu.edu/policy/policies/responsible-use).

## OSU Internet access

The university provides 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](http://8help.osu.edu/936.html).

## OSU Internet access management

Internet access on campus is available with an Ohio State Username and password. Students need an Ohio State Username whether using Ohio State's Internet services or a commercial option. The Ohio State username is the unique identifier for logging in to secure Ohio State websites, enabling access on university computers, and getting access to the wireless network.

An Ohio State Username takes the form lastname.# (for example, brutus.2). With the addition of @osu.edu (e.g., brutus.2@osu.edu), the username becomes a student's official university email address. Students manage Ohio State email accounts at [my.osu.edu](http://my.osu.edu).

## Buckeye Mail

Buckeye Mail is Ohio State's student email system, provided through a partnership with Microsoft. Buckeye Mail is the default email system for Ohio State students, but users who prefer to have university email forwarded to another Internet Service Provider can specify their preference at the time of activation or later by doing one of the following.

- Change the delivery option at [my.osu.edu](http://my.osu.edu)
- Call 614-688-HELP
- Visit [8help.osu.edu/2989.html](http://8help.osu.edu/2989.html) for more details

## OSU Wireless

Ohio State offers wireless Internet "hot spots" in many Columbus campus buildings, including residence halls and their immediate vicinity outside. Get more information at [wireless.osu.edu](http://wireless.osu.edu).

## BuckeyeBar

For walk-in technology consultation and support on a variety of issues, stop by the BuckeyeBar in 60A Thompson Library. For details, visit [ocio.osu.edu/help](http://ocio.osu.edu/help).

## Carmen

Carmen is Ohio State's online learning management system. To access Carmen courses, students visit [carmen.osu.edu](http://carmen.osu.edu) and log in with their Ohio State Username. Students whose instructors use Carmen will find their courses listed under My Courses on the Carmen main page.

## IT Service Desk

The IT Service Desk provides walk-in assistance for classroom services support and distribution of equipment for class use to students, faculty and staff, which includes LCD projectors, laptops, digital audio recorders, still and video cameras, etc.

Online help: [ocio.osu.edu/help](http://ocio.osu.edu/help)

Email: [8help@osu.edu](mailto:8help@osu.edu)

Phone: 614-688-HELP (4357) or TDD 614-688-8743

Classroom Services support and

equipment distribution: 614-292-3131

Walk-in location: 025 Enarson Classroom Building

Hours of operation are available at [ocio.osu.edu/help/hours](http://ocio.osu.edu/help/hours).

## Digital Union

### Computer training

The Digital Union has several subscription accounts to *lynda.com*, an award-winning provider of online tutorials in a diverse array of programs including Photoshop, Flash, Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Office, digital photography, Web design, digital video, and many others. Visit the Digital Union, 370 18th Avenue Library, to watch Lynda tutorials or visit [go.osu.edu/lynda](http://go.osu.edu/lynda) for more information.

### Multimedia

The Digital Union, with professional staff and student employees, supports collaborative and innovative applications of multimedia technology for research and class assignments. The facility is located on the third floor of the 18th Avenue Library. For more information, go to [digitalunion.osu.edu](http://digitalunion.osu.edu) or call 614-292-2793 to schedule an appointment.

## Discounts on hardware and software

### 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. Go to [ocio.osu.edu/software](http://ocio.osu.edu/software) for current distribution methods. For site-licensed software distribution questions, send an email to [8help@osu.edu](mailto:8help@osu.edu) or call 614-688-HELP.

### Wexner Center Store

The Wexner Center Store, an Apple authorized store, offers education discounts for students, faculty and staff. The Store, located in the lower lobby of the Wexner Center for the Arts, sells iMacs, iPads, MacBook, iPods and software at Apple Education pricing. The Store also sells gifts and other items. For details, visit [store.wexarts.org](http://store.wexarts.org).

## WiredOut, the Tech Store @ OSU

WiredOut offers significant educational discounts on many technology products, including a variety of computer models and technology items such as iPads, iPods, printers, accessories and software for personal and departmental purchases. When buying a computer and accessories for the school year, be sure to check out WiredOut, located in the Enarson Classroom Building on the Columbus campus. For details, visit [wiredout.osu.edu](http://wiredout.osu.edu).

## Student computer centers

Student Computer Centers across campus ensure that students have access to technologies for course work requiring current computer hardware, software and Internet access. Centers are equipped with Windows and/or Macintosh computers and a variety of peripheral equipment. Most centers are open on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit [ocio.osu.edu/labs-and-classrooms](http://ocio.osu.edu/labs-and-classrooms), call 614-292-8400 or email [scc@osu.edu](mailto:scc@osu.edu).

## Media Services

Media Services assists faculty, staff and students producing professional quality audio and video presentations and materials, produces and delivers streaming and downloaded media for use in Web pages or online courses, and supports interactive video conferences. For inquiries or to schedule services, visit [ocio.osu.edu/elearning/services](http://ocio.osu.edu/elearning/services) or call 614-292-9689.

## Cable TV and phone services

The Office of the CIO 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 [ocio.osu.edu/audience/students](http://ocio.osu.edu/audience/students), send an email to [8help@osu.edu](mailto:8help@osu.edu) or call 614-688-HELP.

## Transportation and Traffic Management

■ [ttm.osu.edu](http://ttm.osu.edu)

Ohio State's Department of Transportation and Traffic Management (TTM) provides a variety of transit-related services, including the Campus Area Bus Service (CABS). For more information, visit [ttm.osu.edu](http://ttm.osu.edu), contact TTM at 614-292-7433 or email [ttminfo@osu.edu](mailto:ttminfo@osu.edu).

## Campus Area Bus Service (CABS)

TTM provides a free campus bus service to transport students, faculty, staff and visitors around campus. Real-time bus arrival and route information is available at [trip.osu.edu](http://trip.osu.edu) or via OSU Mobile for iOS and Android. CABS maps are available on all buses and at the TTM customer service office located at 2500 Kenny Road. TTM also provides a door-to-door paratransit service for customers with temporary or permanent disabilities.

## go43210.osu.edu

For help making travel plans and getting around campus, visit [go43210.osu.edu](http://go43210.osu.edu) for up-to-date parking, transportation, traffic and construction announcements for the campus and surrounding areas.

## car2go

■ [car2go.com/en/columbus](http://car2go.com/en/columbus)

This car-sharing program is available across Columbus, including on the Ohio State campus. Distinctive blue and white smart cars are available at 45 reserved parking spaces throughout campus for short-term car use around Central Ohio at an hourly rate. Online registration is required.

## CampusParc

■ [osu.campusparc.com](http://osu.campusparc.com)

CampusParc is responsible for all university parking operations, including management of the permit system; parking and motorist assistance; special events parking management; parking enforcement; university valet service; and parking facility maintenance, including major repairs and renovations. Parking at any university garage or surface lot requires payment by permit or hourly fee.

For more information about parking policies or for general parking questions, email [osuinfo@campusparc.com](mailto:osuinfo@campusparc.com) or call 614-688-0000.

## BuckID

■ [buckid.osu.edu](http://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 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 300 participating locations. 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 the deposit stations located on campus, visit the BuckID Card Services Office in 3040 Ohio Union, deposit online at [buckid.osu.edu](http://buckid.osu.edu) or deposit by phone at 614-292-0400. BuckID funds carry over each semester or can be refunded upon request at the end of spring semester. The BuckID Cardholder Agreement is available for review at [buckid.osu.edu](http://buckid.osu.edu).



As part of Ohio State's partnership with Huntington Bank, students who bank with Huntington can link their BuckIDs to their Huntington checking account. This allows students to use their BuckIDs as PIN-based debit cards. Once linked to a Huntington account, a BuckID can be used to withdraw checking account funds at any ATM or at stores that have a PIN pad at checkout. There is no cost to link the BuckID to a Huntington account, and it can be linked at any Huntington branch. For more information, visit [huntington.com/buckid](http://huntington.com/buckid).

Students who did not obtain a BuckID during orientation should take a picture ID (driver's license or other state or federal identification) to the BuckID Office in 3040 Ohio Union. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To report a lost or stolen card after business hours, call 614-292-5700. For additional information contact BuckID at 614-292-0400 or visit [buckid.osu.edu](http://buckid.osu.edu).

## OSU ID number

All new students are assigned a 9-digit OSU ID number. The 9-digit identifier will be printed on the BuckID, allowing students to utilize the identifier (along with a personal password) to access their student records and other information stored in the Student Information System.

## Bookstores

■ [ohiostate.bncollege.com](http://ohiostate.bncollege.com)

Barnes & Noble, The Ohio State University Bookstore, has two locations to serve the Ohio State community: South Campus Gateway and the Ohio Union.

The location at the corner of 11th Avenue and High Street in the South Campus Gateway complex is a full-service academic superstore that carries new, used, rental and digital textbooks and course packs for all Ohio State courses. Students can reserve textbooks online at [ohiostate.bncollege.com](http://ohiostate.bncollege.com) and pick them up before the first day of class or have them shipped to a home address. The bookstore features a café; reference and general reading titles; magazines; school, office, art and technical supplies; a residence hall shop; and a selection of Ohio State apparel and gifts. Contact Barnes & Noble in the South Campus Gateway at 614-247-2000.

The convenient location in the Ohio Union offers apparel and merchandise and is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Contact Barnes & Noble in the Ohio Union at 614-688-8888.

The Ohio State University Bookstore is located in Enarson Classroom Building, 2009 Millikin Road. The bookstore carries competitively priced new, used, rental and digital textbooks and course packs for courses offered at Ohio State; school supplies; reading, reference and bargain books; beverages and snacks; and a selection of Ohio State clothing and gift items. The Ohio State University Bookstore may be reached at 614-292-2991.

Student Book Exchange, also known as SBX (1806 N. High St.), also stocks textbooks required for selected Ohio State classes. Additionally, students can order many required textbooks and find information about eBooks and textbook rentals at online retailers.

## UniPrint

Located in Barnes & Noble at the Ohio Union, UniPrint is every Buckeye's complete printing and shipping center. Services include self-service copies, professional printing, UPS shipping, posters, graduation announcements, binding, faxing, Microsoft Software and more.

For more information, call 614-292-2219.

## Campus Activities

■ [ohiounion.osu.edu](http://ohiounion.osu.edu)

### Welcome Week

■ [welcomeweek.osu.edu](http://welcomeweek.osu.edu)

The entire university gets geared up to welcome autumn semester students during Welcome Week. Beginning with residence hall move-in, Welcome Week is packed with more than 120 events including small-scale social events that will help students get connected with each other, large university-wide celebrations, campus office open houses, concerts, cultural events and more. Traditional favorites include the following:

- Community Commitment service project
- Buck-i-Frenzy, a high-energy festival of food, music and giveaways from dozens of area businesses
- Buckeye Kick-Off, where students experience the spirit and tradition of Ohio State
- President's Convocation, an academic welcome ceremony attended by all new students
- Student Involvement Fair, an opportunity for students to learn more about getting involved with hundreds of student organizations, community service agencies and campus offices.

Visit [welcomeweek.osu.edu](http://welcomeweek.osu.edu) for a full listing of Welcome Week events.

### Student organizations

■ [ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorganizations](http://ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorganizations)

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

1. Attend a Student Involvement Fair, held at the beginning of each semester. This fair features hundreds of student organizations.
2. Go online. Many student organizations have websites that contain valuable information about the organization, the officers and meeting times. Also, search the online student organization directory at [ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs](http://ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs).
3. Attend the initial meetings of student organizations. Many meeting times are listed on the online student organization directory.

4. Find several great resources for getting involved by visiting the Center for Student Leadership and Service at the Ohio Union. Visit a student organization office or chat with Ohio Union staff members. The resource room in the Center for Student Leadership and Service has games and equipment available to reserve, low cost copying and poster-making, a balloonery, and many other resources for students to share. Many student leaders use the room for organization purposes and to meet one another and share ideas.
5. Students who live in residence halls can get recommendations from RAs or hall directors about ways to get involved.

### Student Activity Fee

All Ohio State students pay an activity fee each semester that provides social, cultural and entertainment opportunities. The Ohio Union Activities Board ([ouab.osu.edu](http://ouab.osu.edu)) uses a portion of the activity fee to plan concerts, lectures, comedy events, movie screenings, 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 D-Tix, the student discount ticket program, which offers discounted access to students.

#### D-Tix

The 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 Broadway shows, performances downtown and sporting events, and receive standing discounts on movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, the Columbus Zoo and other attractions.

New tickets are added weekly, and students may join the mailing list on [dtix.osu.edu](http://dtix.osu.edu) to be notified of ticket updates.

### Student government

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is the official undergraduate student governing body of The Ohio State University. The purpose of USG is to implement programs and work with the administration to improve life on and around campus for all undergraduate students. 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 students elected to the president, vice-president and senator positions and students appointed to various USG and campus-wide committees.

### Sorority and fraternity life

■ [sororityandfraternitylife.osu.edu](http://sororityandfraternitylife.osu.edu)

The Ohio State Greek community comprises some of the university's student organizations. Each of the 65 Greek organizations (22 sororities, 40 fraternities and 3 co-ed fraternities) 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 more information, call 614-247-8674, visit the Ohio Union or go to [leadlearnserve.osu.edu](http://leadlearnserve.osu.edu).

## Recreational Sports

■ [recsports.osu.edu](http://recsports.osu.edu)

The Department of Recreational Sports offers students many opportunities to stay active and get involved, including open recreation, intramural sports, fitness services, aquatics, adapted recreational sports, sport clubs and outdoor adventure. For more information, visit [recsports.osu.edu](http://recsports.osu.edu).

### Access to recreation facilities and programs

All students enrolled with four or more credit hours at Ohio State's Columbus campus are automatically members and have a mandatory recreation fee applied to their semester fee statement each term. This gives students the use of all five recreation facilities and access to all recreation programs, including intramural sports and sport clubs. Some programs, including competitive sports, may have additional fees. Admittance to the recreation facilities requires a current BuckID.

### Recreation facilities

Recreational Sports has five indoor recreation centers located through-out campus and over 90 acres of parks, pitches, courts and fields.

The Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC), conveniently located next to Ohio Stadium, 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 seven swimming pools and spas.

The Adventure Recreation Center (ARC), located on West Campus, houses the Tom W. Davis Fitness Center, four hardwood courts, two indoor turf fields and the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), which contains a 25-foot climbing structure and bouldering cave.

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. The Jesse Owens West Tennis Center is the only indoor tennis facility on campus, offering four tennis courts.

### Open recreation

Open recreation provides opportunities for everyone to participate in fun, unstructured activity. Members have access to basketball, badminton, racquetball and squash courts, fitness and weight-lifting equipment, five pools, and more. Open recreation is available every day of the week at all facilities, including early morning and late night hours.



### Intramural sports

Intramural sports offers over 40 semester-long individual and team sports including flag football, basketball, ice hockey and soccer. Online registration is first-come, first-served. Intramurals are extremely popular, and registrations fill quickly. Registration fees apply for some programs. For registration information, visit [intramurals.osu.edu](http://intramurals.osu.edu).

### Fitness

Recreational Sports offers group exercise classes, personal training and massage therapy. Classes include ZUMBA®, interval training, indoor cycling, yoga, TRX® and many others. More than 100 classes are offered each week, including some weekend options. Work one-on-one or in small group settings to meet your fitness needs through a tailored exercise program with a personal trainer. Equipment orientations help students become more familiar with the equipment offered, and fitness assessments help students determine where to begin on their fitness journey.

### Sport clubs

The sport clubs program consists of more than 50 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 unique swimming pools are available. Recreational swimming is available in the six-lane, 25-yard lap pool. The RPAC Aquatic Center also includes an eight-lane, 25-yard class instructional pool, and a 2,848-square-foot leisure pool. After a long swim or workout, members can relax in the whirlpool spa, which holds up to 25 people. The Bill and Mae McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion is the home of Ohio State's varsity swimming and diving programs. The McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion is located next to the RPAC Aquatic Center and 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. Students can take weekend excursions and hiking, camping, skiing, mountain biking, ice climbing, rock climbing and white water rafting trips during winter and spring break. The OAC also rents equipment, allowing members to plan their own adventures.

## Climbing center

The Tom W. Davis Climbing Center features two state-of-the-art climbing walls, providing fun for beginner and experienced climbers alike. Together, the climbing walls 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. Clinics are held to teach proper climbing form.

## Adapted Recreational Sports

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

## Community programs

The community programs office 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 year to provide children fun and active programming during non-school days and the summer.

## Employment opportunities

The Department of Recreational Sports hires students for a variety of wage and federal work-study positions. Student staff play a vital role in meeting the needs of members by providing excellent customer service. Recreational Sports positions provide valuable work experience, certifications, measurable achievements, competitive wages, lifelong learning opportunities and lasting friendships. Visit [recsports.osu.edu](http://recsports.osu.edu) for more information.

## Religious and spiritual life

A diverse student body brings a variety of religious and spiritual traditions to the university community. A sampling of places of worship near campus can be found in the directory in this guide.

- 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 **Student Wellness Center** is an additional resource for spirituality programming. Learn more about the Wellness Center's programming at [swc.osu.edu](http://swc.osu.edu) or call 614-292-4527.

## Multicultural Center

■ [mcc.osu.edu](http://mcc.osu.edu)

The Multicultural Center (MCC), a department within the Office of Student Life, helps all Ohio State students prepare to go successfully into the world as interculturally skilled global citizens and professionals. The MCC is dedicated to empowering students through opportunities for engagement and leadership that explore the rich diversity of our campus and surrounding communities.

Ohio State students of all identities and cultures are encouraged to learn and share about themselves and the world around them. Visit the MCC on the first floor of the Ohio Union and connect via social media: @mcc\_osu and [facebook.com/mcc.osu](https://facebook.com/mcc.osu).

## Events

MCC staff are intercultural specialists who offer programs, events, courses and expertise to increase awareness, knowledge and skill around issues of identity, privilege, community, inclusion and social justice. The MCC offers a Social Justice Engagement program which consists of dialogues, courses, workshops, trainings and a certificate program, D.I.C.E. (Diversity, Intercultural and Community Engagement Certificate). Also, the MCC provides a wide spectrum of community-wide cultural and intercultural programs such as Drums and Dough!, Hispanic Heritage Month, LGBTQ History Month, Native American Heritage Month, United Black World Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Freedom Festival.

The MCC intercultural model is one that welcomes all community members to all events while at the same time supporting and celebrating specific constituency groups, including African/African American, American Indian/Indigenous, Asian/Asian American, Hispanic, Latino and Latin American, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning, women, men, disability and faith communities. MCC events intentionally include Allies. Members of any and all constituency groups are invited to attend events that celebrate identity groups that may not be familiar to them as a way to learn about and show support for all cultures represented at Ohio State.

## Get involved

Students are encouraged to get involved in any of the on-going MCC student leadership groups, cohorts and trainings such as Advocates for Inclusion and Diversity through Education (AIDE), African American Heritage Festival Planning Committee, American Indian Council, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Planning Committee, DICE, El Pueblo Latino First Year Cohort, GraduAsian Planning Committee, Latino Empowerment Action and Perseverance Leadership Group (LEAP), Latino Student Association, LGBTQ First Year Cohort, LGBTQ Leaders Consortium, Open Doors, Queers and Allies Student Association and Safe Zone.

## Staying informed

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

**The Lantern**, the free daily student newspaper, is available each weekday morning in various class buildings, residence halls, offices and online at [thelantern.com](http://thelantern.com). *The Lantern* is published by the School of Communication weekdays during autumn and spring semesters and twice a week during summer term.

**Ohio State's public TV and radio stations** serve the campus community and Columbus:

- **WOSU-AM**, 820 kHz, music and talk shows 24 hours/day
- **WOSU-FM**, 89.7 MHz, NPR News; 101.1 MHz, classical and jazz music 24 hours/day
- **WOSU-TV**, channel 34, the Columbus PBS affiliate, features locally produced programming

**¿Que Pasa, OSU?** highlights activities of the Hispanic community at Ohio State. [quepasa.osu.edu](http://quepasa.osu.edu)

**Makio**, a Japanese word meaning “magic mirror,” is the university yearbook. [ohiounion.osu.edu/makio](http://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 3351 to get started with Buckeye TV. [buckeyetv.com](http://buckeyetv.com)

The university's homepage, [osu.edu](http://osu.edu), features news, announcements and points of pride.

Become a fan of Ohio State on **Facebook** and follow the university on **Twitter** to receive timely announcements and news.

Registered student organizations may use the **Ohio Union Video Editing Suite** to promote events and activities through video. A full-time staff member and student interns help students navigate editing software and camera techniques to create short, appealing videos. The Video Editing Suite is on the second floor of the Ohio Union. For an appointment, contact J. Randall Hicks at 614-292-2722 or [jhicks@studentlife.osu.edu](mailto:jhicks@studentlife.osu.edu).

## Arts on Campus

■ [arts.osu.edu](http://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](http://theatre.osu.edu)

The **Drake Performance and Event Center**, home to the Department of Theatre, features three distinct performance spaces and hosts theatrical performances ranging from national touring companies to faculty and student-produced works. Purchase tickets for performances 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.

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](http://music.osu.edu)

**Weigel Auditorium** hosts 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](http://dance.osu.edu)

**Sullivant Theatre**, located in Sullivant Hall, is the home venue of Ohio State's Department of Dance and hosts performances by students and celebrated visitors. Call 614-292-7977 for more information.

### 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. Lectures and conferences sponsored by varied campus and community groups are held in the Film/Video Theater. The theater is on the lower level of the Wexner Center. Visit [wexarts.org/fv](http://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 multi-purpose auditorium/theater that seats over 2,400. Performances, dance and music concerts, lectures, and special events sponsored by the Wexner Center and 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. Lectures, dinners, receptions and special events sponsored by the Wexner Center and other campus and community groups are held in the Performance Space.

## 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](http://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.

The **Ohio Union** pays tribute to art with works throughout the entire building, from Marshall Frederick's stone panel reliefs on the building's exterior to the sculptures, stained glass, bronze features, watercolors, paintings and photography that line hallways and meeting rooms inside the building. The Ohio Union's third floor features the Ohio Union Art Collection, which includes pieces by Ohio State faculty, staff, students and alumni. The Cartoon Meeting Room at the Ohio Union showcases famous Ohio State cartoonists. Many of the art pieces throughout the building have a connection to Ohio, whether to the author's home or by helping tell the history of Ohio.

**University Libraries** offers free exhibitions and displays highlighting the system's distinctive collections. The Gallery at the Thompson Library features exhibits culled from special collections. View gallery information at [go.osu.edu/thompsonsgallery](http://go.osu.edu/thompsonsgallery). The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum in Sullivant Hall includes a permanent exhibit featuring a selection of exceptional artwork and artifacts from the collection, along with rotating exhibitions throughout the year. Learn more at [cartoons.osu.edu](http://cartoons.osu.edu).

## 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.

**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](http://thelantern.com)
- *onCampus*: [oncampus.osu.edu](http://oncampus.osu.edu)
- Wexner Center for the Arts calendar: [wexarts.org/events](http://wexarts.org/events)
- Schottenstein Center events: [schottensteincenter.com](http://schottensteincenter.com)
- University events calendar: [osu.edu/events](http://osu.edu/events)

## Wellness Resources

Well-being is more than just being healthy, it's also about balancing the nine dimension of wellness—social, physical, intellectual, career, emotional, spiritual, financial, environmental, and creative. Striving for balance will help students perform at optimal levels, regardless of the life pursuit. We know this can be challenging, so Ohio State provides support through the following university offices to help students achieve this balance. Additional information for most of these resources can be located by consulting this publication's index to find the resource guide description.

### **Career wellness**

The professionally well person engages in work to gain personal satisfaction and enrichment, consistent with values, goals and lifestyle.

#### **Resources**

- Buckeye Careers
- Buck-I-SERV
- Career Connection
- College career services offices
- Younkin Success Center

### **Creative wellness**

The creatively well person values and actively participates in a diverse range of arts and cultural experiences as a means to understand and appreciate the surrounding world.

#### **Resources**

- Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design
- Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center
- Hopkins Hall Gallery
- Huntington Archive
- Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- Multicultural Center
- Ohio Union
- OSU Urban Art Space
- Snowden Galleries
- TangoOSU, Argentine Tango Organization
- Theatre Research Institute
- Wexner Center for the Arts

### **Emotional wellness**

The emotionally well person can identify, express and manage the entire range of feelings and would consider seeking assistance to address areas of concern.

#### **Resources**

- Anxiety and Stress Disorders Clinic
- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center
- Multicultural Center
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Student Health Services
- Student Wellness Center
- The Center for Eating Disorders and Psychotherapy

### **Environmental wellness**

The environmentally well person recognizes the responsibility to preserve, protect and improve the environment and appreciates the interconnectedness of nature and the individual.

#### **Resources**

- CampUShed
- Energy Services and Sustainability
- OSU Extension
- Neighborhood Services and Collaboration
- Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement
- Office of Energy and Environment
- Office of Environmental Health and Safety
- Ohio Nemo
- Stone Laboratory
- STREAMS
- Students for Recycling
- Zero Waste

### **Financial wellness**

The financially well person budgets, saves and manages finances in order to achieve realistic financial goals.

#### **Resources**

- BuckID
- D-Tix, discount ticket program
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Ohio Union
- Scarlet and Gray Financial (Student Wellness Center)
- Student Advocacy Center
- Student Financial Aid
- Student Health Insurance
- Student Legal Services

### **Intellectual wellness**

The intellectually well person values lifelong learning and seeks to foster critical thinking, develop moral reasoning, expand worldviews and engage in education for the pursuit of knowledge.

#### **Resources**

- Academic Advancement Services
- Arts On Campus
- Dennis Learning Center
- First Year Experience
- Libraries
- Student Advocacy Center
- Wexner Center for the Arts
- Younkin Success Center

### **Physical wellness**

The physically well person gets an adequate amount of sleep, eats a balanced and nutritious diet, engages in exercise for 150 minutes per week, attends regular medical check-ups, and practices safe and healthy sexual relations.

#### **Resources**

- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Disability Services
- Recreational Sports
- Student Health Services
- Student Safety Service
- Student Wellness Center
- University Dining Services
- University Housing
- Wexner Medical Center

### **Social wellness**

The socially well person has a network of support based on interdependence, mutual trust and respect and has developed a sensitivity and awareness towards the feelings of others.

#### **Resources**

- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Disability Services
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Military and Veterans Services
- Multicultural Center
- Neighborhood Services and Collaboration
- Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Ohio Union
- Recreational Sports
- Student Wellness Center
- The Women's Place
- University Dining Services
- University Housing

## Spiritual wellness

The spiritually well person seeks harmony and balance by openly exploring the depth of human purpose, meaning and connection through dialogue and self-reflection.

### Resources

- Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens
- Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center
- Counseling and Consultation Services
- Multicultural Center
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Student Wellness Center
- University Interfaith Organization
- Wexner Medical Center

## Student Health Services

■ [shs.osu.edu](http://shs.osu.edu)

Student Health Services, located in the Wilce Student Health Center, a nationally accredited outpatient facility, provides a variety of health care services to the student population of The Ohio State University.

Medical services include the following:

- Primary care
- Dental care
- Sports medicine and physical therapy
- Preventive medicine
- Optometry, including a comprehensive eye wear dispensary
- Gynecology
- Office procedures (e.g. wound care and colposcopy)
- Allergy evaluation and injection therapy

Support services include radiology, laboratory, and nutrition and health education.

The Wilce Student Health Center also has a full-service pharmacy for prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. In addition to accepting prescriptions written at the Wilce, pharmacists will fill prescriptions from other licensed prescribers, including out-of-state health care providers, in most circumstances. The pharmacy is available to Ohio State students and employees.

### Location and hours

The Wilce Student Health Center is centrally located at 1875 Millikin Road, between Thompson Library and the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC).

Hours during autumn and spring semester:

- Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Subject to change; see website for current Saturday schedule.)

Hours during breaks and summer term:

- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed on Saturday

The health center is closed for all university holidays. Hours and services are subject to change; visit [shs.osu.edu](http://shs.osu.edu) for current information.

## Student Health Services telephone and FAX numbers

Appointments/ Advice Nurse	614-292-4321	
Administration	614-292-0110	Fax: 614-247-6074
Patient Accounts	614-292-0113	Fax: 614-247-6074
Pharmacy	614-292-0125	Fax: 614-292-4790
Laboratory	614-292-0144	Fax: 614-247-4791
Medical Records	614-292-0118	Fax: 614-292-7042

Email questions to [shs@osu.edu](mailto:shs@osu.edu).

For after-hours or emergency care, students may go to After-HoursCare at the Martha Morehouse Medical Plaza, the emergency department at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center or a hospital/urgent care facility of their choice. Students will be responsible for fees or charges associated with care provided by these facilities. Students must have their health insurance identification cards and provide them at the time of service to facilitate the billing process.

### Using the health center

All enrolled students are eligible to use the Wilce Student Health Center whether or not they have the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan. Non-enrolled Ohio State students may be eligible to be seen during the summer if they were enrolled and paid fees for the previous school term or are covered by the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan, Aetna Student Health Continuation plan or the WilceCare Supplement.

Student Health Services provides most services on an appointment basis. However, injuries or sudden illnesses that require immediate attention may be seen on a same-day basis. Same-day services are scheduled through the Advice Nurse.

### Before the appointment

The first part of the appointment includes check-in at the registration desk, completion of a health history form, and initial intake and vital signs (blood pressure, temperature, etc.) prior to seeing the provider. Please note: If you arrive more than 10 minutes after your appointment time, you may be asked to reschedule to assure we have adequate time to assess your medical concern. Generally, students should allow at least one hour for the appointment plus a stop at the pharmacy. Students should always bring their BuckID and medical or prescription health identification card with them.

### During the appointment

In order for Student Health Services to provide the most comprehensive care, it is important for the student to know and share his/her complete personal medical history, including the family medical health history. The student should also be prepared to provide other critical information such as immunization/vaccine updates, allergies (seasonal, medication or otherwise), and any past reactions to medication or other significant medical information.

Students are encouraged to ask questions of their providers concerning diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, and have the right to fully participate in decisions regarding their health care. Students are encouraged to provide feedback either in writing or verbally. Patient comment forms are available in the lobby. Students may also express their perceptions of the quality of care and services received in person to the patient advocate in the Patient Accounts Office by calling 614-247-1834 or by sending an email to [shs@osu.edu](mailto:shs@osu.edu).

### **Fees and charges**

There are fees for all services performed at the Wilce Student Health Center. During your visit you will be evaluated by a provider who will make treatment decisions based on your symptoms, physical exam and the results of diagnostic tests. The charge for the provider's evaluation and management of your care is the office visit fee. You will also be billed for any laboratory tests, x-rays, office procedures, physical exams, nutrition visits, physical therapy, injections, prescriptions, dental procedures, eye exams and medical supplies. If you have questions about the cost of a specific service, test or procedure, contact Patient Accounts at 614-292-0113.

### **Making payments**

Payment using cash, check, BuckID, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express is accepted and can be made in person at the registration desk on the first floor or in Patient Accounts on the third floor, by mail, or by calling 614-292-0113.

Students with outstanding balances will receive a mailed statement. Review the information carefully, and if you notice that your insurance company has not paid for your services, contact your insurance company to determine the status of your claim. If you have questions or concerns about your ability to meet your financial obligation, contact Patient Accounts immediately. All outstanding amounts over 90 days are turned over to the Office of Accounts Receivable Collection Service (ARCS). ARCS will place holds on class registration, grades and transcripts and charge interest on owed balances, so it is important to pay bills on time.

### **What about insurance?**

If you are covered as a student under the university-sponsored Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan or WilceCare Supplement, your claims will be automatically processed according to the benefits to which you are entitled under your plan. For benefit details, visit [shi.osu.edu](http://shi.osu.edu). Co-pay and co-insurance amounts are due at the time of service.

If you are covered under another health insurance plan, we encourage you to contact your insurance company prior to your appointment to find out how or if your policy will cover your care and prescriptions provided in this facility.

Currently, Student Health Services is in-network for the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan, NGS/Prime Care (Ohio State faculty and staff health plan), Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medical Mutual of Ohio, and United Healthcare. Student Health Services is out-of-network for all other insurance plans, so

you should ask your insurance company if your plan includes out-of-network benefits.

When speaking with your insurance company, it is helpful to provide our tax ID number, 31-1657245, to differentiate our practice from other physician groups and medical facilities associated with The Ohio State University. This information will aid your insurance company in providing correct benefit information.

If you would like us to bill your medical insurance company directly, stop by the registration desk on the first floor or Patient Accounts on the third floor on or before the day of your appointment to register your medical insurance. Bring your insurance identification card or a photocopy of the front and back of your card. You will also be asked to fill out an insurance release form. You will need to register your insurance once per year or sooner if you have changes in your insurance information.

If your insurance carrier does not send payment to Student Health Services within 60 days from the date of service, the full amount due becomes your responsibility.

Student Health Services participates with many pharmaceutical plans. Consult with our pharmacy at 614-292-0125 for a complete list and determination of your eligibility. Co-pay amounts for prescriptions are due at the time of service.

### **Patient confidentiality**

Student Health Services enforces strict policies to ensure that all medical information maintained on its patients is kept confidential. Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, facts pertaining to the student's visit (diagnosis and/or treatment) and the service with which the patient was treated. The age of majority in Ohio is 18 years, and, therefore, confidential information will not be released to any party, including parents, without authorization by the student, except as required by law. The student has the right to approve or refuse the release of such medical information, except as provided by law.

Note: as a result of insurance billing and payment processes used by most insurance companies, a written Explanations of Benefits (EOB) is issued to the insured policy holder who might not necessarily be the patient.

### **Vaccine-preventable illness and student health services**

Although The Ohio State University does not have a vaccine requirement for most students, it is generally recommended that all students be up-to-date on their vaccinations. The following vaccines are generally available at Student Health Services:

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Tetanus/Diphtheria
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis
- Influenza
- Hepatitis A, B and A/B
- Rabies\*
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Meningococcus
- Human Papilloma Virus
- Yellow Fever\*
- Typhoid\*

\* Special requirements for the administration of these vaccines.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College Health Association recommend that students living in residence halls be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. For more information, schedule an appointment with your primary care provider or make an appointment at Student Health Services. Student Health Services also offers counseling and vaccinations for international travel.

Most vaccines are available year-round for enrolled students. Call 614-292-4321 to schedule an appointment. We also offer seasonal flu vaccine programs during autumn semester.

Incoming first-year students participating in the summer orientation programs may obtain vaccines from Student Health Services. For more information, call 614-292-4321 or email [shs@osu.edu](mailto:shs@osu.edu).

## Student Health Insurance

■ [shi.osu.edu](http://shi.osu.edu)

Ohio State students enrolled in classes at least half-time are required to have health insurance and are automatically covered by the university's Comprehensive Student Health Plan with the option to waive.

Before deciding to waive the Comprehensive Student Health Plan, parents and students are encouraged to carefully examine their existing coverage and compare it to what is offered by the university. What works at home may not meet students' needs at college. In these comparisons, consider the following:

- Is coverage effective the first day of class and will it be continuous throughout the academic year? (Some plans have waiting periods or provide only short term coverage.)
- Will the student have coverage for preventive services, prescriptions, and medical, mental health, dental and vision care?
- Can the student get in-network care from providers, hospitals or facilities on or close to campus?
- Will the student have continuous coverage on campus, at home, across the nation or for study/travel abroad?
- Can the student afford to pay the co-pay, co-insurance or deductible amount at the time of service?

Upon their first enrolled term and then each year before autumn semester begins, students are automatically enrolled in the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan. The fee for student health insurance is added to the Student Account along with other university fees.

Students covered under student health insurance are required to remain in the plan for each semester during the plan year that they maintain eligible enrollment at the university.

### Waiving out of student health insurance

Students who already have health plans that meet the suggested guidelines for adequate coverage (see [shi.osu.edu/coverage-comparison-tools](http://shi.osu.edu/coverage-comparison-tools)) may waive out of the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan by providing their health plan information\* via their Student Center at [buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu) by the published deadline. The deadline for autumn 2014 is August 20, 2014.

Students who initially waive coverage may enroll in the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan from their online Student Center at the beginning of their next eligible semester or by submitting request for coverage within 31 days of a qualifying event. For more information, visit [shi.osu.edu](http://shi.osu.edu).

\*This information is subject to periodic audit by the university.

### University-sponsored student health plans

Ohio State students may choose from two university-sponsored health plans: Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan and the WilceCare Supplement.

#### Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan

The Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan offers excellent coverage at an economical cost. It is designed to provide students access to high quality providers, to promote wellness and to minimize unexpected out of pocket costs. The plan meets the American College Health Association standards for student health insurance plans and the requirements of the health care reform law.

Coverage includes inpatient and outpatient medical and mental health care, preventive services, immunizations, prescriptions, allergy therapy, diagnostic services, dental and vision coverage, 24-hour nurse line, year-round worldwide coverage, medical/travel assistance anywhere more than 100 miles from home or campus, emergency medical and political evacuation, accidental death and dismemberment, and repatriation benefits. Exclusions and limitations apply.

This plan uses a PPO model (Preferred Provider Organization) with Ohio State network providers and facilities in the Franklin County area and a national network outside of the Franklin County area. Covered students do not have to designate a primary care provider, nor are referrals required to see specialists. Using in-network providers results in lower out-of-pocket costs, with nominal co-pays and 90 percent coverage of eligible expenses after a deductible is met. Most non-network services will have a higher deductible and higher coinsurance.

Students who get care from Student Health Services at the Wilce Student Health Center and through Counseling and Consultation Service at the Younkin Success Center have many eligible expenses covered at 100 percent.

Coverage with the Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan automatically includes autumn, spring and summer terms as long as a student remains enrolled in eligible classes each term. The fee will appear on the Student Account twice a year—autumn and spring. The insurance fee can be included in Ohio State's Tuition Option Payment Plan (TOPP), which divides the cost of tuition and fees into three installments during a semester. Students enrolling for the first time during summer term will be assessed a reduced fee on their summer term account. Coverage may be extended upon request for students who withdraw from the university due to medical reasons, are granted an approved leave of absence, or graduate autumn or summer term.

## WilceCare Supplement

The WilceCare Supplement is an option for students who wish to supplement existing coverage by providing prepaid medical care and prescription drugs needed to treat illness and/or injury exclusively at the Wilce Student Health Center. **WilceCare is not an insurance plan.**

WilceCare is designed to meet the needs of students with other health insurance plans that only provide regional coverage for basic care or provide coverage that requires high out-of-pocket costs like deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance or non-network penalties. It is for students only (no dependents) and covers illness or injury-related medical services and prescriptions. Vision, dental and preventive medical services are not covered.

Students can enroll in WilceCare by providing documentation of their current health insurance plan (subject to periodic audit) via their Student Center at [buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu) by the published deadline. The deadline for autumn 2014 is August 20, 2014. The fee for the WilceCare Supplement is assessed once per year. Coverage is from August 20, 2014, to August 18, 2015.

For more information and benefit details for the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan and the WilceCare Supplement, visit [shi.osu.edu](http://shi.osu.edu).

## Student Wellness Center

■ [swc.osu.edu](http://swc.osu.edu)

The Student Wellness Center is committed to promoting the wellness of Ohio State students and their communities. Wellness is defined as an active, ongoing process which involves becoming aware of and taking steps towards a healthy, happy, successful life.

The Student Wellness Center, located in the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC), strives to make wellness an integral part of Ohio State by educating students about good health. Staff members design programs, hold one-on-one sessions, conduct policy reviews and serve on campus and community task forces to enhance the wellness experience at Ohio State.

Programs and services include:

- Alcohol education
- Body image education
- Collegiate recovery community and recovery house
- Condom Club
- Financial coaching and education
- HIV / STI testing and coaching
- Nutrition coaching
- Prescription drug misuse education
- Sexual violence education and support
- Stress management
- Tobacco cessation
- Wellness ambassadors
- Wellness coaching

The center's list of services continues to grow to meet the needs of students. Scarlet and Gray Financial Coaching, for example, has experienced a surge of student interest in recent years. This program is designed to help students develop responsible spending and credit management habits, and, if necessary, help them set up a workable plan to repay credit card debt and plan

ahead for student loan repayment. The financial wellness program works closely with students, helping them prepare for the responsibility of having and using credit cards and to limit student borrowing for a college education to actual needs, not wants.

The center's services empower students to take charge of their health and well-being and provides opportunities to get involved in the community through student leadership roles, service learning, and peer education programs. The activities and programs challenge students to examine their own abilities and behaviors in order to maintain an optimal state of health.

Contact the Student Wellness Center at 614-292-4527.

## Sexual Violence Education and Support

■ [go.osu.edu/sves](http://go.osu.edu/sves)

Sexual Violence Education and Support (SVES) is a comprehensive program designed to educate men and women about issues of sexual violence, including sexual assault, stalking, intimate partner violence and sexual harassment. The goal of SVES is to educate students about sexual violence in our culture and empower them to become part of the solution to ending sexual violence at Ohio State.

SVES participates in a campus-wide Sexual Violence Committee (SVC) whose mission is to foster a safe and respectful climate through prevention and a coordinated community response to sexual violence. To learn more about activities of the SVC or to get involved, visit [go.osu.edu/svc](http://go.osu.edu/svc).

SVES also administers a Sexual Violence Assistance Fund. This fund, created by the Office of Student Life in partnership with Undergraduate Student Government, provides financial assistance for students who have experienced sexual assault, stalking, intimate partner violence and sexual harassment. Current Ohio State students can apply for up to \$500 to assist with expenses such as replacement items, uncovered medical expenses, emergency housing and more. For more information or to apply, visit [go.osu.edu/svaf](http://go.osu.edu/svaf).

## Counseling and Consultation Service

■ [ccs.osu.edu](http://ccs.osu.edu)

Students encounter many new, sometimes very challenging, experiences. Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) provides a full range of counseling and mental health services to help students with issues and difficulties relating to the following:

- Academic concerns
- Adapting to campus life
- Cultural differences
- Depression, anxiety and stress
- Familial issues
- Relationship problems
- Eating disorders and body image
- Substance abuse
- Racial identity
- Sexual concerns

In counseling, students develop more personal awareness and skills needed to overcome these difficulties. The staff at CCS is here to help students grow and develop in ways that allow them to take full advantage of educational opportunities.

Services include the following:

- Individual, couples and group counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Skill enhancement workshops
- Psychiatric consultation
- Nutrition consultation
- Psycho-educational outreach

Counseling services are provided at no cost to enrolled students. Psychiatric services and extended counseling are offered at a modest fee to students with the Ohio State Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan. Students that call our office will be screened by a counselor, who will then discuss the appropriate options for services with the student. Urgent appointments are also available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays for students in crisis. Consultation is also available for faculty, staff or students concerned about the welfare of a student.

CCS has a culturally diverse professional staff of licensed psychologists, social workers, counselors, psychiatrists, and graduate and post-graduate students completing advanced professional training in a variety of mental health disciplines. All services are confidential.

Counseling and Consultation Service is located on the fourth floor of the Younkin Success Center at 1640 Neil Avenue. During autumn and spring semesters, services are offered Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours vary during summer term and during breaks. Please call 614-292-5766 for more information

## 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.

**Gateway Film Center**, 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.

#### ***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.

#### ***Arena District***

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

**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, [arenadistrict.com](http://arenadistrict.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, 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.

**The Lincoln Theatre**, 769 East Long Street, 614-384-5639, [lincolntheatrecolumbus.com](http://lincolntheatrecolumbus.com). The Lincoln Theatre is a multi-use, state-of-the-art urban performing arts center that presents emerging and established musical artists, theatre and films.

**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 perform here.

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

### **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 boasts 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 known for its fine restaurants, galleries, shops and a 32-room bookstore, the Book Loft.

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

### **Grandview**

Across the river from the university is the community of Grandview, a rapidly growing neighborhood and 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, dining, and theaters.

**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, Champps 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, OH, 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.

**Thurber House**, 77 Jefferson Avenue, 614-464-1032, [thurber-house.org](http://thurber-house.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 Cleveland Indians. Their 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.

## **Huntington Bank locations**

Huntington is proud to be The Official Consumer Bank of The Ohio State University—the only bank through which students can choose to link their BuckID to a checking account and the bank with the most ATMs and branches on campus. Students can choose to open a checking account online or visit any Huntington branch to open an account and link it to their BuckID. For more information, call (855) 341-4OSU (4678) or visit [huntington.com/osustudent](http://huntington.com/osustudent).

### **Huntington locations with ATMs near campus**

South Campus Gateway 1582 N. High St. 614-480-0083	Enarson Classrooms Bldg. 2055 Milikin Rd. 614-480-0059
University North 1928 N. High St. 614-480-0026	Doan Hall (Ohio State Wexner Medical Center) 450 W. 10th Ave. 614-480-0023
11th and Neil 235 W. 11th Ave 614-480-0058	



### Huntington ATM locations on or near campus

- Ohio Stadium (4)
- Schottenstein Center (3)
- The Blackwell Inn
- Enarson Classrooms Bldg.
- Postle Hall
- RPAC
- SBX
- Thompson Library
- GetGo on Lane Ave.
- GetGo at High and 10th

### Columbus 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	72
Cloudy Days	190
Partly Cloudy Days	103
Rainy Days	139
Snowy Days	30
Storm Days	40
90-Degree Days	19
Freezing (below 32°F) Days:	117
10°F Days	16
Rainfall:	38 inches
Snowfall	21 inches

#### Average seasonal temperatures

	High °F	Low °F
Winter	36	20
Spring	64	40
Summer	85	63
Autumn	66	43

Month	Min. °F	Max °F	Mean °F
Jan.	20	36	26.5
Feb.	24	41	29.5
Mar.	32	52	41
Apr.	41	63	51
May	52	73	61
Jun.	61	82	69
Jul.	65	85	73.5
Aug.	63	84	71.5
Sep.	56	77	65.5
Oct.	44	65	54
Nov.	35	52	32
Dec.	26	41	28

Source: [weatherbase.com](http://weatherbase.com), 2011

## University Public Safety

■ [dps.osu.edu](http://dps.osu.edu)

Ohio State is committed to providing a safe environment for its students and other members of the university community. Students play a vital part in assuring that the campus is a safe place to live and work by being aware of and actively participating in the university's safety policies and procedures.

While the university attempts to provide the most secure surroundings possible, each person must take responsibility for his/her own personal safety. The following is a description of university and community safety resources and personal safety tips.

### University Police

■ [police.osu.edu](http://police.osu.edu)

The Ohio State University Police Division's community-oriented policing combines close personal involvement between officers and the community, an emphasis on student ownership, and problem solving.

Officers are responsible for problem solving, not just handling incidents. They strive to promote the "human touch" by which police officers and students get to know each other on a first-name basis as human beings. The goal is to share information, develop trust and communication, and increase citizen support.

In addition to practicing good crime prevention, students are encouraged to get to know the community police officers of the area in which they reside and/or work. Students should feel free to openly communicate their concerns with the officers and give what effort they can when asked to help solve community problems.

Community-oriented policing relies on the input and involvement of students. If students have a problem or just wish to speak with a community police officer, they should call the following:

**IF STUDENTS HAVE AN EMERGENCY,  
THEY SHOULD DIAL 9-1-1**

**IF STUDENTS NEED TO CONTACT UNIVERSITY POLICE,  
THEY SHOULD CALL 614-292-2121**

### Security awareness and crime prevention programs

The university offers a multitude of programs and resources to address personal safety concerns and reduce crime. Since the programs' hours, services and missions tend to be dynamic, students should request specific information about any program in which they are interested. Some of the crime prevention programs offered by University Police include bicycle registration, the "Citizen-Rider" program, personal safety seminars, sexual assault prevention and alcohol/drug awareness programs. University Police also offer Rape Aggression Defense courses, which are free self-defense courses for women. Program announcements and other information may be found on the University Police website at [police.osu.edu](http://police.osu.edu).

In addition to these programs, other campus offices are actively involved in crime prevention programming. The Sexual Violence Education and Support program, offered by the Student Wellness Center, provides an array of nationally recognized programs on self-defense, rape and sexual assault prevention, and survivor support.

## Sexual assault, stalking, sexual harassment and intimate partner abuse

Sexual violence is a continuum of behaviors that includes sexual assault, stalking, sexual harassment and intimate partner violence. Sexual violence is a serious problem on college campuses and is taken very seriously by the university. Sexual violence has no bias—both survivors and perpetrators come from all genders, cultures, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses and religions.

Incidents of sexual violence are never the fault of the victim—nothing a person does or doesn't do causes violence to happen. It is the choices and actions of a person willing to commit these acts. If you are a survivor of sexual violence, or you know someone who is, there are many resources available at Ohio State and in the Columbus community to help. Visit [go.osu.edu/sv-resources](http://go.osu.edu/sv-resources) for more information.

Nationally, it is estimated that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime,<sup>1</sup> and that up to one in four women experience sexual violence during their college career.<sup>2</sup> In nine out of ten sexual assault cases, the survivor knew the perpetrator (a current or former dating partner, classmate, friend, acquaintance or co-worker).<sup>2</sup> One out of five women and one out of 14 men will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime,<sup>1</sup> and up to 35 percent of female students and 18 percent of male students have been a victim of stalking.<sup>3</sup>

Estimates suggest that between 50–70 percent of sexual assault cases on college campuses involve the use of alcohol or other drugs.<sup>4</sup> In fact, alcohol is the number one drug used to facilitate rape.<sup>5</sup> Having sex with a person who is substantially impaired by alcohol or drugs is a crime and a violation of Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct Policy. To learn more about sexual consent visit [go.osu.edu/consent](http://go.osu.edu/consent).

While sexual violence is far too prevalent on college campuses, it is preventable. You can help prevent incidents of sexual violence by being an active bystander. Active bystanders look out for their friends and fellow Buckeyes; they take responsibility for their actions and call out others for theirs. The Buckeyes Got

1 Tjaden, P. & Thoennes, N. (2000). Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey. National Institute of Justice & The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2 Fisher, B.S., Cullen, F.T., & Turner, M.G. (2000). The Sexual Victimization of College Women. The U.S. Department of Justice.

3 Fremouw, W.J., Westrup, D., & Pennypacker, J. (1997). Stalking on Campus: The Prevalence and Strategies for Coping with Stalking. *Journal of Forensic Science*, July 1997; 42(4): 666-66.9

4 American College Health Association. (2008). Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Assault.

5 Abbey, A. (2002). Alcohol-related sexual assault: A common problem among college students. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, Supplement No. 14, 118-128

Your Back program is working to create a community of active bystanders at Ohio State and can provide you with tips for intervening. Visit [go.osu.edu/bgyb](http://go.osu.edu/bgyb) to learn more.

### Resources:

- **Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO): 614-294-7864 or (866) 86-BRAVO;** Provides support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people experiencing intimate partner abuse, sexual assault or stalking.
- **Columbus Police Division Sexual Abuse Squad: 614-645-4701;** If the crime occurs off campus in Columbus, Columbus Police will investigate.
- **Ohio State Sexual Violence Education and Support (SVES): 614-292-4527;** In the Student Wellness Center; provides education for the university community and support, resources and referrals for students who have experienced sexual violence.
- **Ohio State Student Conduct: 614-292-0748;** In circumstances of student-on-student sexual assault, stalking or sexual harassment, charges can be brought to the university judicial system.
- **Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO) 24-hour help line: 614-267-7020;** Provides information, resources and referrals.
- **University Hospital Emergency Department: 614-293-8333**
- **University Police: 614-292-2121;** If the crime occurs on campus, University Police will investigate.

## Safe transportation for students and staff

The University Police Division's Student Safety Service provides free and safe transportation for students and staff from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Trained uniformed student employees walk or drive students to and from their destinations within the service area. The escorts carry two-way radios providing direct communication with University Police.

To arrange an escort, students should call 614-292-3322 and provide the following information: full name, pick-up location, destination, number in party and time escort is desired. Note: escort times fill up fast. Students should call early if they know an escort is needed. For more information and hours of operation, send an email to [sss@dps.osu.edu](mailto:sss@dps.osu.edu) or visit [dps.osu.edu/sss](http://dps.osu.edu/sss).

## Off-campus safety

Community Crime Patrol (CCP) employs patrollers to walk the streets of the university area each night to offer assistance or report crimes, suspicious incidents or hazards. Patrollers are trained by police officers and use two-way radios to report problems to the CCP office. Police officers respond to calls from patrollers. For information, call 614-292-2279.

## Traffic safety

Ohio State is a multi-modal campus, with thousands of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians on campus every day. Whether walking, biking or driving, all share the responsibility to navigate campus safely. Lead by example; obey all traffic laws and be courteous to your fellow Buckeyes.

## **Pedestrians**

- Do not jaywalk. Jaywalking, crossing a street anywhere outside of a marked crosswalk or against a walk sign at a signalized crosswalk, is illegal and extremely dangerous. Please remember that jaywalking rules are enforceable.

## **Cyclists**

- Bikes are vehicles. By law, a bike is a vehicle. Vehicles belong in the road, not on sidewalks and paths with pedestrians. Like motorists, cyclists are responsible for obeying all traffic laws. Cycling rules are enforceable.
- Walk to the rack. There are dozens of bike racks available throughout campus. Upon arriving at your destination, remember to dismount as you exit the roadway and walk your bike to the rack.

## **Motorists**

- Slow down. We all have places to go and people to see, but safety should be a top priority. Leave a few minutes earlier and slow down when driving on campus. Adhering to posted speed limits will keep you and the thousands of other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians on campus safe. Speeding rules are enforceable.
- Expect bikes on the road. By law, a bike is a vehicle and required to ride in the road. When driving on campus, expect to see bikes on the road and treat them as you would any other vehicle. Only pass when there is NOT a double yellow and you can allow for at least three feet between you and the bike.

Learn more at [sharetheroad.osu.edu](http://sharetheroad.osu.edu).

## **Protect self and property**

Students can most affect safety and security. If students follow the recommendations listed below, they can greatly reduce their chances of being the victim of a crime.

### **When walking**

- Be alert! Know the surroundings. Be aware of other people in the area.
- Avoid shortcuts.
- At night, do not walk alone unless absolutely necessary.
- Walk near curbs, away from bushes and buildings, and in well-lit areas of well-traveled roads.
- Keep money and credit cards in a pocket. Carry as little cash as possible. Carry keys in hand so they are ready to use when arriving at a destination.

### **At home, residence hall or apartment**

- Keep doors and windows secured. Do not prop doors open.
- Keep doors locked even if going away only for a short time.
- Do not hide spare keys—burglars may find them.
- Do not let strangers in without asking for proper identification.
- Lock money, jewelry and important papers in a footlocker, trunk or other secure place. Keep as few valuables around as possible.

## **On the telephone**

- Hang up on unidentified callers.
- Do not give out personal information over the phone.
- Use initials instead of a first name in the telephone book or request an unlisted number.

## **Protecting property**

- Do not leave property, especially cell phones, unattended or unsecured.
- Do not leave items visible in a car.
- Mark valuable items with your initials for positive identification. UV identification pens are available at residence hall desks and at the University Police Division.
- Make a list of all valuables. List model number, serial number and a description of each item. Record this information at [go.osu.edu/propertyregistry](http://go.osu.edu/propertyregistry).
- Make sure insurance will cover losses that occur away from home.
- Books can be marked by placing a code number on several pages with corresponding numbers throughout the book, preferably on the inside margin.
- Credit card numbers should be included on an inventory list for fast reference in case cards are lost or stolen.

## **Identity theft and Internet safety**

Cybercrime is a constant concern for the university and students. Taking steps to protect one's identity and personal information can reduce the chances of becoming a victim.

### **Identity theft**

A concern across campus, identity theft occurs when someone uses someone else's personal identification information to commit fraud or other crimes. For example, identity thieves may open bank or credit accounts, apply for loans, charge utilities, rent apartments, receive medical services or apply for a job all under an assumed identity. Identity theft is a serious crime that can cost a considerable amount of money and take countless hours to completely resolve. Being aware and using caution and common sense can reduce risk and help protect from identity theft.

Some suggestions to help reduce the threat of identity theft:

- Don't leave personal items such as your purse or backpack unattended.
- Shred all personal identification information before throwing it away in the trash. This is especially true for pre-approved credit card offers.
- Monitor bank, credit card and bills for suspicious activity.
- Check personal credit history reports once a year.
- Never respond to "phishing" emails and never supply personal and confidential information through email. (Information about fraudulent emails and other scams can be found at [dps.osu.edu/police/safety\\_tips](http://dps.osu.edu/police/safety_tips).)
- Don't share account passwords or other personal identification information with anyone. Log out of online transactions at public computing sites.

Learn more about how students can deter and detect identity theft at [ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure](http://ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure).

## Internet safety

Information technology presents new challenges to personal safety. Below are just some suggestions to be aware of when sending and receiving information via personal or public computers and other electronic devices:

- **Passwords:** Create strong, robust passwords, change them frequently and don't share them with anyone.
- **Online shopping:** Never submit information on an unsecured site (look for an SSL certificate or a URL that begins with "https").
- **Online harassment and stalking:** Don't send or post threatening messages. Students and other university community members who receive harassing messages that threaten their personal safety should first contact University Police. Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies and 614-292-2121 for non-emergency situations.
- **Social networking sites:** Keep personal information to yourself (e.g., social security number, address and phone number), don't share information with strangers, and remember when posting pictures or videos online that anyone (including potential employers) may see it.
- **Spam:** Activate spam filters to block unwanted emails. It is also important to remember when signing up for products or online services that providing an email address means that the address may be sold to spammers.

For more information on these topics, as well as other Internet safety tips, visit [ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure](http://ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure).

## Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The university owns and operates its own, closed-network cable TV service on the Columbus campus through the Office of the CIO. An Emergency Alert System (EAS) is part of the cable TV service, which broadcasts banner messages on all basic cable channels when activated. All Columbus residence halls and a number of academic and administrative offices that have the cable TV service can view these EAS messages. The cable EAS system is also part of the university's Buckeye Alert notification system that is activated in emergency situations on campus. Visit [buckeyealert.osu.edu](http://buckeyealert.osu.edu) for more information.

## Timely warning policy

Timely warnings, called Public Safety Notices, notify students, faculty and staff of crimes that occur on campus property, non-campus property, or on public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus and are considered by Ohio State to present a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. Public Safety Notices are a separate and distinct process from the emergency notification text messaging alerts provided by the Buckeye Alert System.

Hate Crime Alerts are a subset of Public Safety Notices. A Hate Crime Alert will be issued when a hate or bias-related incident that presents a serious or continuing threat to students and employees occurs on campus property, non-campus property, or on public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. Hate Crime Alerts may also be issued when the

University Police Division determines issuance is appropriate to heighten safety awareness after a hate or bias-related incident or series of incidents occurs.

University Police will prepare a Public Safety Notice when a report is received of a violent crime against a person or a particularly threatening crime against property that represents an ongoing danger to the safety of students, faculty and staff. Notices may be issued for such crimes that occur on campus property, non-campus property, or on public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. Public Safety Notices are sequentially numbered, beginning January 1 of each year, and provide details of the crime, a description of the suspect if known, information on whom to contact about the investigation and crime prevention tips.

Public Safety Notices are sent to all [osu.edu](mailto:osu.edu) email addresses. Public Safety Notices may also be viewed at [dps.osu.edu/police/psn](http://dps.osu.edu/police/psn). University Police also offers a free service that sends an email update to any email address when a Public Safety Notice is issued. Subscribe to this service at [dps.osu.edu/police/psn](http://dps.osu.edu/police/psn).

View the complete Timely Warning Policy at [dps.osu.edu/police/campus\\_safety/timely\\_warning\\_policy.php](http://dps.osu.edu/police/campus_safety/timely_warning_policy.php).

## What students should know about alcohol and drugs

There is a very high rate of correlation between alcohol, drugs and crime. In some studies, a 70 percent correlation has been found between the use of alcohol and crime. Not using and/or not abusing alcohol and drugs, as well as staying away from people who do, reduces more than any other factor a student's chance of being a victim of or being involved in a crime.

Students should also know that it is illegal, if under 21 years old, to consume, purchase or possess alcoholic beverages. It is illegal, if 21 years old or older, to buy, furnish or in any way provide alcohol for someone under 21 years old.

It is always illegal, regardless of age, to have an open container of alcohol in a public place (parking lot, sidewalk, alley, athletic facility) or to consume alcohol in a motor vehicle. It is also illegal to possess or use an altered driver's license or use the driver's license of another person to purchase alcohol. If caught, students are subject to arrest and criminal prosecution, in addition to university sanctions.

## Bicycles are hot items

Bicycle theft is a major problem at Ohio State. In order to reduce the chance of bicycle theft, students are encouraged to follow certain precautions, listed below:

Register your bicycle. A registered bike that is lost or stolen is more likely to be found and returned. To register their bikes, students can bring their bicycles to Central Campus Security and Protective Services, 1010 Blankenship Hall, to have a bike "bug" installed at no cost. Bike bugs, or RFID (radio frequency identification device), use the latest technology to prevent theft. Other special markings are scheduled on campus during the semester—watch for announcements.

Use proper locks and cables. Recommended are the u-bolt lock, key locks of 7/16-inch hardened-alloy steel shackle, chains at least 3/8 inch thick and six feet long, and cables at least 1/2 inch thick and six feet long to allow proper locking.

Lock the bike properly. Position the lock as high off the ground as possible and lock both wheels and frame to the bike rack.

Do not lock bicycles to railings, fences or trees. Bicycles blocking handicap access, pedestrians or grounds keepers will be impounded.

Traffic laws apply to bicycles, too. Due to the many automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians on campus, it is important that everyone obey traffic laws. Cyclists are reminded that riding on sidewalks is not only inconsiderate and dangerous, but illegal. Ride in the street or on designated bicycle paths. When riding in the street, obey all traffic laws. This includes stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, riding on the right side of the road with traffic, not riding the wrong way on one-way streets, and riding with lights and reflectors after dark. Bicycle traffic laws are enforced by University Police.

## University Area Crime Stoppers

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

University Area Crime Stoppers is a community-based organization which serves the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University and the adjacent neighborhoods in Columbus, Ohio. University Area Crime Stoppers assists police agencies in solving crimes and promotes public safety and crime prevention. University Area Crime Stoppers is an affiliate of Central Ohio Crime Stoppers. The University Area Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for anonymous tips that help police solve crimes.

If you have information about any crime on or off campus please call the tip line at 614-247-8477 or visit [stopcrime.org](http://stopcrime.org).

## If students are the victims of crime

Using the suggested crime prevention techniques will reduce the chances of becoming a victim. However, if confronted with a threatening situation, students will have a better chance of not being harmed if they have considered possible reactions: Will they be able to scream? Are they capable of using physical force? What items do they normally carry (e.g., keys, pens, umbrellas) that could be used to defend themselves?

Keeping property is not worth endangering one's life. If a student is confronted by an armed person or someone who claims to be armed and who demands money or property, the student should give it up. A student who believes that his/her life is in immediate danger should do anything possible to escape (e.g., kick, poke, scream). At the first opportunity, dial 9-1-1 to report the incident.

## In an emergency

The university encourages prompt, accurate reporting of crimes or suspicious incidents. Crimes or suspicious incidents may be reported on either of two campus emergency telephone systems.

All law enforcement agencies in Franklin County are part of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. Dial 9-1-1 from any telephone to be connected with the appropriate dispatch center for police, fire or medical emergencies. The university's Department of Public Safety is designated by Franklin County as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Therefore, all 9-1-1 calls originating on campus are routed to the university's Communications and Central Alarm Center where a dispatcher will be available to assist. 9-1-1 is also available from any public telephone without a coin.

In addition, the university maintains a network of more than 170 emergency phones located across campus. Emergency phones can be located by looking for the blue lights on top of black posts marked "Police, Fire, Medical Emergency." These telephones may be used by anyone to report police, fire or medical emergencies directly to University Police. No need to dial; just push the button and an Ohio State Public Safety Dispatcher will be on the line immediately. Students should learn where the phones are before they need them.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to use the emergency phones or to dial 9-1-1 to report any of the following:

- a seriously injured or ill person
- a fire or smell of smoke
- something or someone suspicious
- someone hurting someone
- someone stealing something
- someone needing emergency help for any reason

## Emergency Management and Fire Prevention

■ [emergency.osu.edu](http://emergency.osu.edu)

Within the Department of Public Safety, the Division of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention provides planning, exercises, drills, training, building inspections, plan review, fire alarm response and policies relating to emergency management and fire prevention at Ohio State. The division works in cooperation with many offices and organizations to implement planning and capabilities related to emergency response and fire safety on campus.

### Emergency notification and information

In the event of an emergency, the Department of Public Safety will determine the appropriate emergency notification systems to be used to deliver the emergency notification message to the campus community. The systems below comprise the Buckeye Alert System. The Department of Public Safety may use all or a combination of the systems listed below to communicate a message to the campus community.

### Text messaging

Text messaging as an emergency notification system will send a text message alert to a registered user's cell phone in the event of an emergency. Text messages are designed for all-hazards emergency notifications. Text messages work with any cell phone and requires no installation of hardware or software. Students and family members can learn more about registering phones to receive text messages from Buckeye Alert at [buckeyealert.osu.edu](http://buckeyealert.osu.edu).

### ***Emergency Information Line***

The university updates and disseminates emergency information to a pre-designated phone number accessible on campus or off campus from any phone. This number provides voice messages detailing the operational status of the university, protective action recommendations, current disaster information and concerns pertinent to our community. Dial 614-247-7777 (7-7777 from an on-campus phone) to access the Emergency Information Line.

### ***Cable television system override—emergency banner***

The university owns and operates an independent cable TV system through the Telecommunications Network Center. This system is primarily viewed in Columbus campus student housing and some administrative offices. Once activated, a banner will scroll across the bottom of all cable TV stations on the Columbus campus.

### ***Bulk email alerts***

A mass email can be sent to everyone who has an email account on the osu.edu system. This email is distributed by the Internal Communications office upon notification and is accessible to any account holder.

### ***Emergency Management website***

An emergency message can be posted on the front page of the Emergency Management website, [emergency.osu.edu](http://emergency.osu.edu).

### ***WOSU Radio 89.7 FM***

WOSU radio is a university-affiliated radio station that can be used to relay emergency messages during an emergency.

### ***Social networking***

Emergency Management and the Division of Police maintain social networking websites via Twitter and Facebook to provide immediate emergency information. Links to these sites may be found at [dps.osu.edu](http://dps.osu.edu).

### ***Media outlets: TV, radio, print***

The Department of Public Safety (DPS), in collaboration with University Relations, will provide advisories to the media through a formal media advisory, a news release or in response to media inquiries. Once the activation of mass communication system is initiated and the public becomes aware of a situation occurring at the university, the media often begins to inquire about the nature of the emergency. The university will provide relevant information to the media to help ensure that the campus community and the public are informed about the emergency.

### ***Tornado warnings***

The university will issue a Buckeye Alert text message when a tornado warning is issued for Franklin County. Students are urged to proceed immediately inside and to the nearest severe weather shelter area within the building until at least ten minutes after the “all clear” has been given. Listen to local radio and tv stations for further updates. For severe weather safety information, go to [ap.osu.edu/emergency/links.aspx](http://ap.osu.edu/emergency/links.aspx).

### ***Personal preparedness***

Ohio State’s Emergency Management provides preparedness planning, training and exercises, incident management and coordination, emergency warnings and public information, policy formulation, and resource allocation and prioritization before, during and after disasters and incidents on Ohio State campuses.

Emergency Management dedicates significant time and resources to coordinating preparedness activities across units on campus and between local, state and federal governments and agencies. For more information, call 614-247-4911 or send an email to [emergencymanagement@osu.edu](mailto:emergencymanagement@osu.edu).

### ***Fire prevention***

Ohio State’s Fire Prevention provides inspections, training, response and mitigation to the university community with the ultimate aim of preventing or limiting the loss of life and property on all campuses.

Each semester, an Ohio State fire safety inspector performs a fire safety compliance inspection throughout the common areas of each residential hall and facility. For high-rise dorms, an Ohio State fire safety inspector and a Columbus Fire Department Lieutenant work together to provide the fire safety compliance inspection. Evacuations are mandatory for all students in residence halls when a fire alarm is activated. Failure to evacuate is a violation of the *Residence Hall Handbook* and may be investigated or result in sanctions by Student Conduct.

If you discover fire or smoke...RACE:

- **R**escue any person in immediate danger.
- **A**larm—pull the fire alarm to alert everyone.
- **C**onfine the fire by closing all doors, where possible. Turn off electronic and gas equipment in your area as you evacuate, if possible.
- **E**vacuate using the nearest stair exit. Follow the exit signs.

Report the incident by dialing 9-1-1 from a safe location. Report any discharged fire extinguishers and any first-hand information that you might have.

If you hear or see a fire alarm signal or announcement:

- Follow emergency procedures for your building or area.
- Follow the exit signs. Use stairs. Do not use elevators. Walk at a normal pace.
- Wait outside at least 50 feet or more away from the building.
- Re-enter the building only after the “All Clear” is announced by first responders.

For more information, call 614-247-FIRE (3473) or email [emergency@osu.edu](mailto:emergency@osu.edu).