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Getting Started

This booklet is your guide to your orientation registration. Follow each step to complete your registration and prepare yourself for orientation.

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

- learn what is expected of you as an Ohio State student both in and out of the classroom
- attend group advising sessions to learn more about your area of study and to schedule classes
- meet other incoming Ohio State students
- become more familiar with campus
- complete university business, such as getting your BuckID card and consulting with Student Financial Aid
- receive your schedule of classes for Autumn Semester

Orientation is mandatory, and students are expected – and family members are strongly encouraged – to participate in all orientation activities. All new freshmen will be charged a $50 registration fee and it will be assessed on the first semester statement of account.
Program Schedules

Freshmen Orientation

Student Agenda
8:30–9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00–9:30 a.m. Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:30–10:00 a.m. Icebreaker
10:00–10:40 a.m. Academic Advising
10:40–11:15 a.m. Session 1
11:20–11:55 a.m. Session 2
12:00 p.m. Lunch (pizza provided)
12:30–1:10 p.m. Session 3
1:15 p.m. Schedule your classes

Parent and Guest Agenda
8:30–9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00–9:30 a.m. Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:30–10:00 a.m. OSU Campus Police
10:00–10:40 a.m. Academic Advising
10:40–11:15 a.m. Session 1
11:20–11:55 a.m. Session 2
12:00 p.m. Lunch (pizza provided)
12:30–1:10 p.m. Session 3
1:15 p.m. What to expect from your student

Honors Orientation

Student Agenda
8:00–8:30 a.m. Registration
8:30–9:00 a.m. Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:00–9:30 a.m. Honors Overview
9:30–10:00 a.m. Icebreaker
10:00–10:40 a.m. Academic Advising
10:40–11:15 a.m. Session 1
11:20–11:55 a.m. Session 2
12:00 p.m. Lunch (pizza provided)
12:30–1:10 p.m. Session 3
1:15 p.m. Schedule your classes

Parent and Guest Agenda
8:00–8:30 a.m. Registration
8:30–9:00 a.m. Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:00–9:30 a.m. Honors Overview
9:30–10:00 a.m. OSU Campus Police
10:00–10:40 a.m. Academic Advising
10:40–11:15 a.m. Session 1
11:20–11:55 a.m. Session 2
12:00 p.m. Lunch (pizza provided)
12:30–1:10 p.m. Session 3
1:15 p.m. What to expect from your student
First Generation Orientation

Student Agenda
8:00–8:30 a.m.  Registration
8:30–9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:00–9:30 a.m.  First Generation Overview
9:30–10:00 a.m.  Icebreaker
10:00–10:40 a.m.  Academic Advising
10:40–11:15 a.m.  Session 1
11:20–11:55 a.m.  Session 2
12:00 p.m.  Lunch (pizza provided)
12:30 –1:10 p.m.  Session 3
1:15 p.m.  Schedule your classes

Parent and Guest Agenda
8:00–8:30 a.m.  Registration
8:30–9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:00–9:30 a.m.  First Generation Overview
9:30–10:00 a.m.  OSU Campus Police
10:00–10:40 a.m.  Academic Advising
10:40–11:15 a.m.  Session 1
11:20–11:55 a.m.  Session 2
12:00 p.m.  Lunch (pizza provided)
12:30 –1:10 p.m.  Session 3
1:15 p.m.  What to expect from your student

Academy Orientation

Student and Guest Agenda
8:30–9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Buckeye Basics
9:30 a.m.  Tour
10:15 a.m.  Honors Overview
10:30 a.m.  Student/Faculty Panel
11:00 a.m.  Meet your advisor and schedule your classes

You Must Complete Prior to Orientation

Step 1: Your scheduled Orientation date is:

- Refer to Orientation Agendas on pages 3 and 4 for program schedules.
Step 2: Confirm your Orientation date
- Log on to Lima.OSU.edu/RSVP and enter the access code you were given on page four to confirm your orientation.
- Select the date and testing information as necessary. Refer to Testing Information on page 6.
- Upon successfully confirming your orientation date online, you will receive an online confirmation. Print out your program confirmation. Confirmation information will not be mailed to you. A map, driving directions, and parking information are included in this brochure.
- For questions or clarification please contact the Admissions Office at (419) 995-8391 as soon as possible.

Special Note: As part of orientation registration, you will be asked to indicate your academic area of interest (major). This selection will determine which academic advisor will be assigned to you. It does NOT guarantee admission into any specific college or major. The academic advisor for your area will provide specific guidelines for the major/majors that you may be considering and instructions on how to apply to that major if required.

Step 3: Take placement exams
- All placement tests must be taken five days prior to orientation. Refer to the mailing label for your appropriate test(s).

Step 4: Come prepared for your Orientation program
- Items to bring to orientation
  - A picture ID (driver’s license, state ID, or passport), required to get your BuckID card
  - OSU ID number
  - A copy of all college transcripts of any college course work taken during or after high school in case an official college transcript hasn’t arrived
  - OSU Internet Username ID and password
  - A list of questions you want answered while on campus
- Check your financial aid status and come with questions to be answered at orientation. Visit buckeyelink.osu.edu and click on “My Financial Aid” to view your financial aid status.
- Check your Ohio State e-mail. Your Ohio State e-mail will be used by the University for all official correspondence about grades, course schedules, financial aid, tuition statement and more. It’s a good idea to check your Ohio State e-mail at least once a week prior to starting classes. You can do so using OSU Webmail, which is available from the Ohio State Lima homepage (go to Lima.OSU.edu and click “Webmail” in the upper right corner).
Placement Testing Information

All placement tests must be completed five days before attending orientation. If you are unsure of what placement tests you need please refer to the mailing label or contact academic advising at 419-995-8264.

Step 1: Refer to your address label on the back cover to determine your English and math testing requirements.

Mathematics Skills Assessment
All entering Freshmen are required to take the Mathematics Skills Assessment, including students with AP or transfer credit. This assessment can be taken either online (see page seven) or in the Philip A. Heath Center for Teaching and Learning (Learning Center) up to five days before orientation.

The level of assessment you are required to take is indicated on the address label as either MATH: B or MATH: D.

English Placement Test
If you are required to take the English placement test, it is indicated on the address label as ENG: Y. Students with AP or transfer credit should contact Academic Advising to see if you are required to take this placement test. This test is only available in the Learning Center.

Foreign Language Placement Test
Academic Advising will notify you at orientation if you need to take this placement test. If you have concerns prior to orientation about the test, please contact Academic Advising.
Step 2: Consider your testing options:
All three placement tests are available in the Learning Center and take approximately two hours total, though the math assessment is also available online. To take a placement test, please schedule your appointment in advance with the Learning Center by calling (419) 995-8076.

Testing Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Additional hours or accommodations can be arranged by request.

1. It is highly recommended you take the Mathematics Skills Assessment online at least 5 days prior to orientation. Instructions on how to test online follow this section.

2. If you are required to take an English Placement Test, please call the Heath Center for Teaching and Learning to schedule your placement tests prior to orientation at (419) 995-8076.

Online Mathematics Skills Assessment
1. You must activate your OSU Internet Username before you can take the Mathematics Skills Assessment on the Web.
2. There are two versions of the Mathematics Skills Assessment: B and D. Sample problems for both exams, topics covered, testing instructions and the placement test can be found at go.osu.edu/mathplacement.
4. After you have finished taking the assessment you will be given a math course code that indicates your placement level and link for more information about math placement. The advising staff at orientation will use this information to help you register for the appropriate math course. If your test results are a “U” (undetermined), you will need to re-test with the testing center because online exams can only be taken once.

Other notes
Advanced Placement (AP) Tests
- If you come to orientation before the AP scores are available, you will schedule courses based on your placement results. Once AP results become available, we can adjust your schedule accordingly.
- If you have not had your AP scores sent to the Ohio State Admissions Office, please bring your copy to orientation and contact the Advanced Placement Program at 1-888-CALL4AP to have an official copy sent.
College courses
If you would like to receive transfer credit for college classes you’ve taken, be sure that an official transcript is sent directly from the college where you completed your course work to Ohio State. Courses listed on your high school transcript will not meet this requirement and may cause a delay in evaluating your credit.

Disability accommodations
Students with disabilities should contact Karen Meyer for Disability Services at (419) 995-8453 to make arrangements for testing.

Dean’s Convocation and Picnic
The Dean’s Convocation and Picnic is a day devoted to Ohio State Lima’s newest students. It’s a time to get acquainted with your advisors, learn more about our majors, meet the Dean of the Lima campus and enjoy a free lunch. All students who register for the course EXP 1100.01 will be required to attend the Dean’s Convocation on Mon., Aug. 20, 2018. To register, go to Lima.OSU.edu/Rsvp and enter the access code CONVO18.
Additional Information

Academic Advising Office .......................................................... (419) 995-8264
Admissions • Lima.OSU.edu/admissions .............................................. (419) 995-8391
Disability Services • ods.OSU.edu .......................................................... (419) 995-8453
Financial Aid • Lima.OSU.edu/financial-aid ........................................ (419) 995-8147
First Year Experience • Lima.OSU.edu/fye .......................................... (419) 995-8698
Office of the Chief Information Officer for Internet
  Username/Webmail help .......................................................... (614) 688-HELP
Testing ................................................................................................. (419) 995-8076
OSU Police .......................................................................................... (419) 995-8410
Security ............................................................................................... (419) 995-8499
Hotels ................................................................................................. go.OSU.edu/areahotels

Directions to the Lima Campus

From Columbus:
West on US 33 towards Bellefontaine to SR 117 Northwest to Huntsville-Lima to SR 309 East (right) to Mumaugh Road (left) to Campus Drive (right).

From Cincinnati/Dayton/Piqua/Springfield:
North on I-75 to Exit 125 to SR 309 East (right) to Mumaugh Road (left) to Campus Drive (right).

From Toledo:
South on I-75 to Exit 125 to SR 309 East (left) to Mumaugh Road (left) to Campus Drive (right).

From Marion:
West on SR 309 to Mumaugh Road (right) to Campus Drive (right).

From Cleveland:
South on I-71 to US 30 West to I-75 South to Exit 125 to SR 309 East (left) to Mumaugh Road (left) to Campus Drive (right).

From Akron/Canton:
West on US 30 to I-75 South to Exit 125 to SR 309 East (left) to Mumaugh Road (left) to Campus Drive (right).
Park in Lot G and enter Building 9: Life and Physical Sciences Building for check-in.
Orientation Checklist

Please bring this page and the following information to your scheduled orientation.

1. Have you confirmed your orientation?
   YES ______ NO ______

2. What is your username? Ex: smith.1
   ____________________________________________

3. What is your password?
   ____________________________________________

4. Have you completed your placement tests prior to orientation?
   YES ______ NO ______

5. Have you completed the items on your To Do list found on Buckeyelink?
   YES ______ NO ______