



Ohio State Terms

BuckID

The university's multifunctional identification card.

CARMEN

Ohio State's online course management system. Professors can use Carmen to post a class syllabus, PowerPoints, and other course materials. In addition, professors can host online discussions, allow students to submit papers into a "dropbox" online, and give students access to view their grades and course progress. Not all courses and professors use Carmen. Your professors will share their expectations regarding the use of Carmen at the beginning of the course.

Catalog Number

Courses are identified with the department and the catalog number. For instance, in the course ANTHROP 2200, the department is Anthropology and you'll need the corresponding catalog number, 2200, to find the class on the schedule or course catalog. The catalog provides details about the class topic.

Class Number

The number used to enroll in a specific section of a course. Class numbers are found in the Schedule of Classes available online at registrar.osu.edu/courses or through the Student Center accessible via buckeyelink.osu.edu.

Core Curriculum

A selection of required classes that ALL students must take in college.

Credit Hour

A unit of measuring educational credit, usually based on the number of classroom hours per week through the semester.

Degree Requirements

Classes that a student MUST take in order to meet the requirements to earn a degree in their field of study.

Distance Education/Distance Learning

A method of studying in which lectures are broadcast over the internet, without the students needing to physically attend a school or college. This could be a single course taken during the course of regular study or a completely online degree program.

Elective

A class you can take that is not specifically required by your major or minor. These hours typically count towards graduation.

Finals Week

The last week of the semester; the only scheduled classes are exams.

GE (General Education)

The academic core of a student's curriculum, mostly completed in the freshman and sophomore years. The GE requirement helps students develop the foundation essential to succeed in their major programs, including writing and critical thinking skills; engages them in topical contemporary issues; and gives them a broad understanding of diversity, the natural and social sciences, aesthetics and, for some programs, basic foreign language aptitude.

ISBN# (International Standard Book Number)

This 10 or 13-digit number identifies a specific book, an edition of a book, or a book-like product (such as an audiobook). This will be found on the syllabus to indicate which book is needed for that specific class.

Major

Your primary area of study. Your college major is the field you plan to get a job in after you graduate (for example: business, linguistics, anthropology, psychology).

OnCourse

Used to manage connections with some faculty and staff members. Students will use the platform to schedule academic advising appointments, as well as meetings with other student support services. Students can view notes from past appointments on the platform too.