Course Catalog and Schedule of Classes
Visit registrar.osu.edu/courses to browse course offerings.

Academic Calendar
Find the Academic Calendar and a list of important dates at registrar.osu.edu.

Academic/Faculty Advisors
Advisors partner with students at the university to explore educational and professional opportunities, set appropriate goals and decide strategies for accomplishing those goals.

It is important to stay in touch with your advisor to ensure you are meeting department deadlines and scheduling the appropriate classes to help you complete your degree.

Enrollment Requirements
You must enroll full time each semester to maintain immigration status.

For undergraduates, full-time enrollment is 12 credit hours per term, 9 of which must be in-person credit hours (not online).

Graduate students must typically take 8 credit hours per semester to be full time, but those on university fellowship are required to enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours.

**Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been adjustments to the online credit maximum. For the most up-to-date information, visit oia.osu.edu/international-students.
It is extremely important to know the rules and standards of academic conduct at Ohio State, so that you do not violate the Ohio State Code of Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct, which outlines behavior that is allowed and not allowed (inside and outside the classroom), can be found at studentlife.osu.edu/csc.

Copying and Unauthorized Collaboration
Never copy work from another student, or allow another student to copy from you. Unless your course instructor has given permission for you to collaborate with other students on an assignment, work alone.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is the use of someone else's words or ideas, presenting them as your own. If you copy someone else's writing—from a book, website or even a friend's homework—and put it into your own writing without giving credit to the original source, that is considered academic misconduct. To learn how to properly use and cite sources visit ohiostate.pressbooks.pub/choosingsources.

Consequences
Failure to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct may result in disciplinary action and grade sanctions; sanctions can include suspension or dismissal from the university, which can lead to loss of legal status in the United States.

Helpful Websites
To learn more about avoiding and preventing academic misconduct visit: oaa.osu.edu/coamtsuggestions.html

To view the Code of Student Conduct visit: studentlife.osu.edu/csc

For a guide to different citation styles visit: library.osu.edu/help/how-do-i

New International Students Guide to Ohio State Academic Culture: u.osu.edu/academicintro
Local U.S. Address Reporting Requirement
Students must inform the Office of International Affairs of the local U.S. address where they reside in order to comply with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement requirements. Addresses must be updated within 10 days of moving to a new location. Visit buckeyelink.osu.edu and click on “Change Address.” Update the “Current” address with your local Columbus address. Follow this format:

Line 1: 123 Buckeye Rd.
Line 2: Apt. 6
Line 3: Columbus, OH 43221

Students may not use a P.O. Box or campus office address.

International Student Advising
If you have any questions regarding your immigration status, please contact an immigration coordinator at the Office of International Affairs.

We recommend you email or call before making plans to visit the office.

Email: iss@osu.edu
Phone: 614-292-6101

You can also schedule a virtual appointment with an immigration coordinator Monday – Friday, 1 – 4 p.m. at go.osu.edu/oiaadvising.
Full-Time Enrollment Requirement
In order to maintain lawful F-1 non-immigrant student status, international students must be enrolled full time during autumn and spring semesters.

Employment
On-Campus Employment:
F-1 students may work up to 20 hours per week on campus when classes are in session, and over 20 hours per week during semester breaks and during students’ annual vacation term. Jobs listed as work-study are available only to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

Off-Campus Employment:
Work off campus must be authorized by an immigration coordinator in the Office of International Affairs. Working without authorization is a violation of your F-1 or J-1 immigration status.

For more information on employment and maintaining your immigration status, visit [oia.osu.edu/immigration-information](http://oia.osu.edu/immigration-information).

Immigration Status
In order to maintain your immigration status be particularly mindful to:

- Maintain full-time enrollment during autumn and spring semester, and summer term when required. If you think you must drop below full time, speak with an immigration coordinator at OIA immediately.
- Only engage in authorized employment. Do not exceed more than 20 hours per week of work on campus while school is in session. Never work off campus without prior authorization from OIA.
Getting an Ohio Driver’s License
You must have a valid license and purchase car insurance to drive in Ohio. Generally, an International Driver’s License will not be considered a valid license by law enforcement in Ohio.

Review the Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws at bmv.ohio.gov/forms-general.aspx. This manual contains directions on how to obtain a driver’s license and lists offices where you can take both a written exam and driving test to receive your license.

Before getting a driver’s license, you will need to get a **Temporary Instruction Permit Identification Card**. Bring the following documents with you to a license agency in order to obtain a temporary permit:

- Proof that you have or will reside in Ohio (a letter of admission from Ohio State will meet this requirement for new students)
- A valid, unexpired passport
- A printed copy of your I-94 card and one of the following: I-20, DS-2019, I-9 or letter from an employer stating that you are working in a valid non-immigrant status

Visit oia.osu.edu/driving for more information.

State of Ohio Identification Card
This card is available to non-drivers who want a form of identification to use in place of a driver’s license. Take the same documents required for a driver’s license to 4503 Kenny Road or another license agency. You need to have lived in Ohio for 30 days to be eligible to get this card.

Social Security Number
A Social Security Number (SSN) is a unique, 9-digit number used for taxpayer identification, income reporting and record-keeping purposes. You may apply for an SSN if you are employed in the United States. Once issued, the number is valid for one’s lifetime. If you are not employed, you may apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). Steps on how to apply for an SSN are available at oia.osu.edu/employment/social-security-number.

Everyday Advice with VILLAGE
VILLAGE is an anonymous resource for students who seek guidance on everyday questions and concerns. Visit oia.osu.edu/global-engagement/programs/village.

Parking on Campus
If you wish to park on campus in designated lots, you will need to purchase a university parking permit. Visit osu.campusparc.com or call 614-688-0000 for more information.

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life in the U.S.
driver’s license & identification cards
legal services

Student Legal Services at Ohio State (SLS) is a non-profit law office that contracts with Ohio State to provide legal advice, representation, education and resources to students. SLS provides services for typical legal issues students face including off-campus housing, criminal misdemeanors, traffic citations, contracts, employment, consumer, debt/credit, estate planning, dissolution of marriage, name changes, victims of crime assistance, notary and more. To schedule an appointment, visit studentlegal.osu.edu.

health & wellness

Health Insurance
International students are required to purchase the Ohio State Student Health Insurance and are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Benefits Plan, which includes medical, prescription, dental and vision coverage. The fees will be automatically added to your Statement of Account.

Mental Health
It can be very difficult to transition to college, especially as international students and during a pandemic. This may be your first time living alone and away from your family and friends, and you also must navigate through a new culture and, possibly, a language. If you are experiencing mental health issues, please contact Ohio State’s Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) at ccs.osu.edu. Counselors at CCS are available to help with:
- Stress Management
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Relationship Problems
- Transitions in Life
- Identity Exploration
- Substance Use
- Eating Concerns
- Feeling Overwhelmed
- Academic Adjustment
- Trauma

Please keep in mind that in-person appointments may be limited and instead offered virtually.

Counseling services are offered in English, Cantonese Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Malay, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and Yoruba.

Wellness
The Student Wellness Center empowers students to strive for balance and wellness. Wellness is an active, ongoing process which involves becoming aware of and taking steps toward a healthier, happier, more successful life. Learn more at swc.osu.edu.

healthcare services

Students covered under the Student Health Insurance Plan should first seek care at the Wilce Student Health Center. For more information on available services, visit shs.osu.edu. When the Student Health Center is closed or if the student’s spouse or children need care, a network provider should be used. You can search for a network provider at osuhealthplan.com/network-access-search.

Wilce Student Health Center
1875 Millikin Rd.
614-292-4321

Emergency Services
Emergency Medical Squad (EMS) trained paramedics will arrive in a special medical van to your home. They will give advanced first aid and/or take you to the nearest hospital. Call 9-1-1, but only in an emergency.

University Hospital Emergency Room
410 W. 10th Ave. 614-293-8333
Use for emergencies only.
emergencies

Call 911 for emergencies: police, fire, medical (on and off campus).

For non-emergencies, call 614-292-2121.

Blue Light Emergency Phones
These phones are located all across campus. Activate the phone by pressing the red button and speak into the intercom to request police, fire and medical help or to report suspicious activity.

Exchange Visitor Program Emergency Hotline
The U.S. Department of State offers a hotline available 24 hours a day for J-1 international students in emergency and urgent situations. Call toll-free at 1-866-283-9090.

tips

Safety at Home
- Do not admit strangers into your apartment
- Lock doors and windows even when you are home
- Close your curtains or blinds at night
- When out of town, use timers on your lights and have a neighbor collect your mail and newspapers so it appears that someone is home

Safety on the Phone
- Do not give out personal information (like your social security number or bank account number)
- You may get phone calls asking you to make purchases or donations—it is not safe to give your credit card number over the phone
- You may get phone calls from persons saying they are from a government agency (for example the Internal Revenue Service or Federal Bureau of Investigation). Do not give them your personal information. These are scams.
Safety When Walking
• Walk confidently, pay attention and be aware of your surroundings
• Avoid walking alone, especially at night
• Utilize the blue light telephones placed around campus if you fear for your safety on campus
• Avoid dark streets and alleyways
• If you think you are being followed, walk into a crowded, well-lit area
• Never get into a stranger’s car—if someone in a car asks for directions, stand away from the car when talking to them

Safety in Your Car
• Keep car windows and doors closed and locked, even when you are in the car
• When parking at night, select a parking space that will be well lit upon your return
• If you are parked on campus and lock your keys in your car, or your car won’t start, call public safety at 614-292-2121, or use a blue light emergency phone
• If you are pulled over by a police officer, do not get out of your car unless instructed to do so and keep your hands where the police officer can see them

Safety on Public Transportation
• Plan your route in advance and know your stops or transfers to avoid becoming lost
• Use bus schedules and real time apps to avoid long waits or becoming stranded
• Do not leave possessions unattended while riding the bus and check before departing
• Stay awake and alert at all times while riding on the bus

Safety with Ride-Share Services
• Visually confirm vehicle information and description and driver’s name
• Wait until the driver calls you by your name before entering the vehicle
• Do not ride in the front seat or share your cell phone information
• Before getting in the back seat, check that the child-lock is disengaged
• Follow the ride-share vehicle on GPS (if available)
• If you feel unsafe, leave the area and contact authorities

Protect Your Identity and Possessions
• Do not give anyone your social security number, credit card number or bank account information
• Call the company and cancel the card if you notice one is missing
• Do not fall for scams targeting international students. Visit oia.osu.edu/internationalstudents/scams-warning-guide
• Do not leave personal belongings in public areas like classrooms or libraries
• Do not leave possessions unattended in your car (such as wallets, laptops, cell phones, or passports); lock them in your trunk
• Do not leave your dorm room unlocked

The Lyft Ride Smart program provides safe late-night discount ridesharing for Ohio State students from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the campus vicinity. Download Lyft via the Ohio State App.
Ohio State continues to monitor the global outbreak of COVID-19 and take appropriate steps to ensure the health and well-being of the campus community.

Safe and Healthy Buckeyes
As we gradually return to campus, every Buckeye plays an important part in taking care of each other.

Learn what Ohio State is doing and how you can help keep our community safe at safeandhealthy.osu.edu.

Daily Health Check
A daily health check to report body temperature and health status will be required for all students each day they intend to be on campus. This daily check will be reported through the Ohio State mobile app or compass.osu.edu.

Mental Health and Wellness
Returning to campus may be stressful for students. The safety of our Ohio State community is and always will be the university’s first priority.

Learn about research-based intervention strategies and resources that can help build resiliency and enhance mental, emotional and physical health and well-being at go.osu.edu/studenthealthguide.

Personal Protection
Face masks must be worn on campus. Masks must be put on before entering indoor or enclosed spaces including, but not limited to: classrooms, common areas, conference rooms, shared office spaces, hallways, buses and shared vehicles.

Masks also must be worn in outdoor spaces where individuals gather and cannot maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet between each person. Learn how to care for your face mask at go.osu.edu/cleanmasks.

Hygiene
Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching common surfaces.

If soap and water are not available, 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be used.
Events
Events around campus will for the most part continue to be conducted virtually when feasible as the health and safety of our community remain Ohio State’s top priority.

The Global Engagement team at the Office of International Affairs provides opportunities for international and domestic students to experience the diverse culture at Ohio State.

Global Engagement has implemented a variety of programs and activities to better promote cross-cultural relationships on campus. Learn more at oia.osu.edu/global-engagement.

You can also download the Global Events App at Ohio State at go.osu.edu/globalevents.

Features include:
• Full schedule of virtual upcoming events
• Live updates of any last minute changes
• Opportunities to be globally engaged at Ohio State through the Office of International Affairs

Accountability Measures
Students, faculty and staff have been asked to complete the Together as Buckeyes Pledge and Safe and Healthy Return to Campus Online Training.

Accountability measures will be in place for those who do not complete the training and sign the pledge, or choose not to abide by required health and safety guidelines.

These accountability measures may range from additional training and informal coaching to formal disciplinary action based on existing structures for students, faculty and staff.

View the measures at go.osu.edu/acctmeasures.

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