

# Sample schedule for freshman orientation

## DAY ONE

	Students	Families
8 a.m.	<b>Display booths</b> – Various campus offices will staff displays providing information about their services.	
9:30 a.m.	<b>Opening session</b> – Orientation begins with an introduction to the first-year experience and details about the Orientation program.	
10:45 a.m.	<b>FYE Peer Leader (PL) small groups:</b> Activities include interactions with new students and FYE PLs, lunch at Woody's (remember to bring your meal ticket!), and small group photos. This time will help students to become familiar with the resources and locations that will assist in a successful first year.	<b>College Transitions: Family Matters</b> – Members of the university community talk about the transition to college, academic support services, and ways family members and the university support new students.
11:45 a.m.		<b>Family Luncheon</b> – Meet other orientation families and learn more about programs and services available through Parent and Family Relations and the Alumni Association.
12:45 p.m.	<b>Doing Business Buckeye Style</b> – Despite the many papers we distributed at check-in this morning, much of Ohio State is paperless! Students won't receive a tuition bill in the mail, and grades aren't sent home either. We'll explain how business is transacted at Ohio State.	
2 p.m.	<b>Academic overview and scheduling preparation</b> – Academic advisors will share information about your area of study. This is the only opportunity for family members to ask questions of their students' academic advisors since Day Two advising will be for students only. You should attend an overview based on your college/unit of enrollment.	
<b>Afternoon opportunities</b> – use this time to prioritize and complete various tasks and/or learn more about campus resources.		
3–4:30 p.m.	Calculus and Honors mathematics options – Students with AP credit or math placement level L or M can discuss options and honors mathematics courses with a math faculty member.	
3:15–5:30 p.m.	<b>Mathematics placement test</b> – For students still needing to complete the mathematics skills assessment.	
3:15–5:30 p.m.	<b>Foreign language placement test</b> – For students completing placement testing in French, German, Italian or Spanish	
3:15–5:15 p.m.	<b>Residence Hall Open House Tours</b> – Please note that construction prevents tours of North Campus residence halls	
Until 4:30 p.m.	<b>BuckID</b> – You must have government-issued photo identification (driver's license, military ID, passport, etc.) and a Student Information Profile to obtain a university ID card. The BuckID office is also open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on Day Two.	
Until 5:30 p.m.	<b>FYE Peer Leader Concierge Service</b> – Have questions? Find the answers with a Peer Leader, available in the Ohio Union, by the entrance to Woody's.	
5–6 p.m.	<b>Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) Morrill Scholars Program (MSP) Social</b> – Mandatory for Morrill and Young Scholars. Learn about the office that coordinates your ODI scholarship funding. Bring your dinner, interact and network with fellow scholars. Note: this session is for students only.	
Until 6:15 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b> – Meal cards (purchased at check-in), cash or credit card accepted. Dining solo? Dine with other orientation students and Orientation Leaders at the Union Market for a group meal after grabbing your food.	
6:15 p.m.	<b>Get Involved session</b> – This interactive session presented by the Ohio Union and university student leaders is a preview of some of the amazing involvement opportunities available at Ohio State.	We encourage family members to allow students to experience the evening independently in order to connect and engage with their new college peers in a relaxed, social environment. Families wishing to reconnect with students at the end of the evening can meet at the Morrill Tower Rally Point at a family-designated time.
7:30 p.m.	<b>Evening activities</b> – Join your fellow new Buckeyes for interactive activities intended to get you connected to each other and to manage expectations about what to expect on campus this fall. Explore the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC) while playing cornhole, board games or gym recreation games.	
10 p.m.	<b>ONL: Orientation Night Live</b> – The FYE PLs will entertain with their comedic skills and talents. You might even become part of the act!	
Midnight	<b>Lincoln and Morrill Towers close</b>	

DAY TWO

	Students	Families
7 a.m.	<b>Breakfast available</b> – Meal cards (purchased at check-in), cash or credit card accepted.	
7:30 a.m.	<b>Buckeye Link assistance</b> – Visit this computer lab to receive FYE Peer Leader assistance with the course search function of Buckeye Link in preparation for course registration. We can also help with other online business.	
8 a.m.	<p><b>Special interest sessions:</b></p> <p><b>Intercollegiate athletics information session</b> – Grant-in-aid and recruited walk-on student athletes <b>must</b> attend this session.</p> <p><b>Office of Diversity &amp; Inclusion (ODI) Young Scholars Program (YSP)</b> – All students receiving the Young Scholars Scholarship are <b>required</b> to attend this session</p> <p><b>Disability Services</b> – Interested students will tour the facilities and learn more about services available through this office.</p> <p><b>Reserve Officer Training Corps</b> – Interested students will receive information about ROTC programs, services and scholarships.</p> <p><b>University Honors and Scholars family information session</b> – <i>This session is for the families of students in University Honors or one of the University Scholars programs.</i> The session includes an overview of the Honors and Scholars Center's role in supporting a successful college experience for students, an exploration of typical challenges for first-year high-ability students and strategies for supporting their transition to college.</p> <p><b>University Honors student information session</b> – Meet fellow Honors students and learn the fundamentals about academic expectations, Honors courses, London Honors (a study abroad program for freshmen) and getting involved in the Honors community.</p> <p><b>University Scholars student information session</b> – Learn the basics about the various Scholars programs at Ohio State. This session will review the role of the Scholars coordinator, the residence hall learning community and Scholars Mexico (a study abroad program for Scholars students). This session is for students who have been accepted into one of the 17 Scholars programs: Advocates for Children and Education; Architecture; Arts; Biological Sciences; Business; Green Engineering; Environment and Natural Resources; Health Sciences; Humanities; Humanitarian Engineering; Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship; Internation Affairs; Media, Marketing and Communication; Mount Leadership Society; Politics, Society and Law; Sport and Wellness; STEM Exploration and Engagement.</p>	
9 a.m.	<b>Life Outside the Classroom</b> – The Office of Student Life presents an overview of college life and resources available to help students succeed at Ohio State.	
10 a.m.	<p><b>Student discussion groups:</b></p> <p><b>Commuting student discussion</b> – An interactive session for students who will be commuting to campus this fall. Meet with staff from the office of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement to get advice and learn about services to help you have a great commuter experience.</p> <p><b>University Housing discussion</b> – An interactive session for students who will be living in the residence halls this fall. Meet with residence hall directors and your FYE PL to learn what it's like to live in the residence halls.</p>	<p><b>Family session</b> – Explore family responses to students' experiences at the university through discussions led by staff from the Office of Student Life. Choose to attend the specialized group with which your student most closely identifies: <b>commuting student</b> or <b>residential student</b>.</p>
11:15 a.m.	<p><b>Academic advising appointments</b></p> <p>These appointments are for <b>students only</b>. Following your advising appointment, proceed directly to the computer lab designated on your folder label or as instructed in your Advising Overview to schedule your classes. On average, students spend approximately 45 minutes scheduling in the lab after their advising appointment.</p>	<p><b>Family lounge</b> – We recommend that families use the Thompson Library as their home base for the remainder of Day Two. The library offers a quiet, relaxing environment, information about library resources, and food and drink at the Berry Café. The Thompson Library is also centrally located near any Day Two sessions you choose to attend.</p>

11:15 a.m.	<p><b>Session options (each session is 45 minutes):</b></p> <p><b>Fisher Career Management</b> – This session shares resources available for Fisher students to help them with internship and job searches. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.</p> <p><b>Gotta' Get to Work</b> – Finances and future career prospects are of major importance to students and their parents. This session will offer tips for finding an on-campus job that will help pay the bills, while showcasing how campus employment can contribute to career preparation and skill building.</p> <p><b>Ohio State 101: Life as a Buckeye</b> – Learn the traditions of Ohio State and find out about the many exciting things that happen on campus throughout the year in this fun and interactive presentation. This is a great session for both students and families to learn about what it means to be a Buckeye!</p> <p><b>Sorority and Fraternity Life</b> – Ohio State's sororities and fraternities provide students with opportunities to become leaders, serve their communities, and make lifelong friendships. Come to this session to learn more and ask questions!</p> <p><b>Student Health Insurance</b> – Receive tips on how to prepare to use health insurance while attending school; learn the questions to ask and conversations to have <i>before</i> students need care. This session will also provide an overview of the OSU Comprehensive Student Health Insurance and the WilceCare supplement and an opportunity to ask questions regarding Ohio State's health insurance requirement and selection/waiver process.</p> <p><b>Undergraduate Research Office (URO)</b> – Families will discover how undergraduate research enhances the academic experience at Ohio State. Learn why and how students should get involved in research on campus and where to find resources. Hear a personal account from a current undergraduate researcher.</p>
12-4 p.m.	<p><b>Student Service Center</b> – Meet with a representative from the Student Service Center to ask questions about your statement of account, financial aid, registrar and bursar services, and other assistance with Buckeyelink.</p>
12:15 p.m.	<p><b>Session options (each session is 45 minutes):</b></p> <p><b>Fisher Global Business</b> – This session shares resources available for Fisher students to help them develop their understanding of the global business environment. A brief presentation describing short-term study abroad opportunities, international internships and semester exchange partners will be followed by information about scholarships.</p> <p><b>Set your Sights on Studying Abroad</b> – Every student at Ohio State—no matter their major—can study abroad. Drop in and discover why graduating students with a strong sense of global awareness has become a critical goal of higher education, and learn more about how students can choose a program that's right for them (mini presentations beginning at 12:15, 12:30 and 12:45).</p> <p><b>Walter E. Dennis Learning Center</b> – Did you know that 52% of college students suffer a reduced quality of life because of procrastination? The Dennis Learning Center offers courses, workshops and one-on-one appointments to develop strategies that lead to success in college. Discover why students who take advantage of the center's services attain not only high GPAs but also higher retention and graduation rates.</p> <p><b>Technology at Ohio State</b> – Join the Ohio State tech store, Tech Hub, to learn about resources available for students and how to get connected. Get your questions answered directly by store management, get recommendations on computer purchases, and see the benefits that Tech Hub offers.</p>

Ongoing afternoon opportunities (from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

- **Barnes and Noble – The Ohio State Bookstores** – Visit either bookstore to exchange your voucher for *The Good Food Revolution* by Will Allen. Visit our textbook department for textbook money saving tips. We offer textbooks in every format available—used, rental, new and e-books! Reserve today as used and rental copies are limited. Visit [facebook.com/OhioStateBookstore](http://facebook.com/OhioStateBookstore) for everything you will need this fall.
- **BuckID** – You must have government-issued photo identification (driver's license, military ID, passport, etc.) and a Student Information Profile to receive a university ID card.
- **Faculty Club** – Located on the Oval, the Faculty Club offers a unique setting for families to treat their students to lunch, dinner or over 50 special events throughout the year! The club invites you to stop by during orientation to give us a try. Enjoy a complimentary lunch with the purchase of a membership (\$135/year) at orientation (lunch hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.).
- **Huntington Bank** – Interested students can sign up for a bank account with Huntington, the official consumer bank of Ohio State. Students can also make a deposit into their new account or choose to link their BuckID to their checking account.
- **Multicultural Center student-guided tour** – Learn more about this center dedicated to celebrating the diversity on our campus.
- **Student Health Services questions and vaccinations** – Stop by if you have questions about Student Health Services, special health concerns or required vaccinations. Most vaccines, including the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella; \$124), Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis; \$91) and meningitis vaccinations (\$230), are available on a walk-in basis during orientation.
- **Tech Hub** – Have questions about buying a computer or other technology purchases? Stop in and visit the staff at Tech Hub.