



**OHIO**  
UNIVERSITY



**BOBCAT**  
student  
orientation

**2015**

# Welcome to Ohio University



Bobcat Student Orientation enables new Ohio University students and their parents/families to meet with faculty, staff, and current students to prepare for fall semester. You will discuss your transition to the Ohio University community and opportunities for involvement that can enhance your academic success.

Your active participation in Orientation is necessary to begin your college career well. Please read this brochure thoroughly and share it with any family members who will be joining you at Orientation so you are prepared. You will accomplish a great deal in a short time, so relax and take it one step at a time.

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Dear Bobcat,

The University community is eager to welcome you to Bobcat Student Orientation in June. Your journey as a Bobcat is about to begin, and I would like to share three things as you begin your education that will help you be successful, both at Orientation and as a student here:



- Do your research. This brochure, our undergraduate catalog, your college webpage, and many other resources are all available so you can be as informed as possible about OHIO’s educational opportunities. Use this knowledge to create an enriching and unique Bobcat experience.
- Take an active role in your academic career. We are adept academic partners ready to collaborate with you as you work to reach your goals.
- Bring an open mind. A curious and generous spirit will help you have a diverse and globally-relevant experience in a small American town.

I look forward to seeing you in Athens in a few weeks, and wish you safe travels as you begin your education here at Ohio University.

Elizabeth Sayrs, Ph.D.  
 Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education  
 Dean of University College

## Before/ During Orientation

### To-Do List Before Orientation

To have the best orientation experience, please complete the following items before your orientation session. For more information about these items, please visit our website [www.ohio.edu/uc/bsol/](http://www.ohio.edu/uc/bsol/).

- Request final high school transcript and any AP/IB/PSEO/Dual Enrollment test scores or official university transcripts be sent to Undergraduate Admissions, Ohio University, Chubb Hall 120, Athens OH 45701.
- Go to [www.catalogs.ohio.edu](http://www.catalogs.ohio.edu), and search for your major or majors you are exploring. Type a major in the search box or look for it in the list of colleges located along the left side of the page. Read about your academic opportunities and the coursework that comprises your degree.
- Read pages 4 and 5 of this brochure and decide if you need to take a Chemistry, Language, or Math Placement test.
- Please complete the Pre-Orientation Survey available in your OHIO e-mail, two weeks prior to attending orientation.

*Orientation Programs — 740.593.1951*

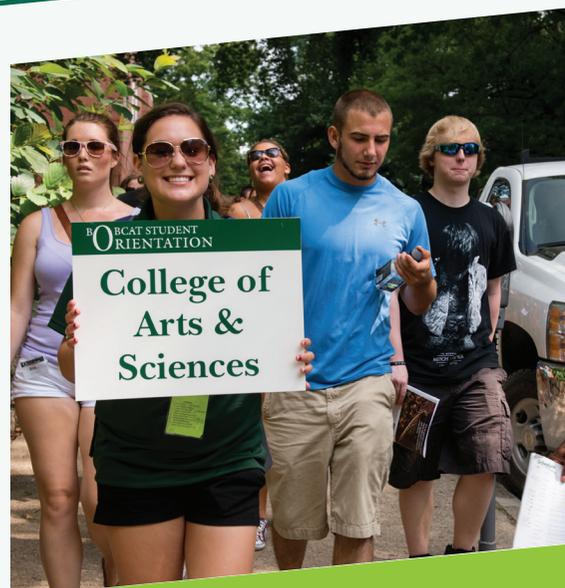
### During Orientation

Students will have the opportunity to:

- learn about the curriculum and register for a complete and appropriate fall semester schedule with the assistance of an academic advisor
- meet other students in your college and begin to make friends
- visit a residence hall room
- join a learning community
- receive your Ohio University student ID (bring a state issued photo ID)
- learn about your responsibilities as a student and the wide variety of opportunities for campus involvement

Parents and family members will:

- meet your student's academic dean
- meet other OHIO parents
- tour Ohio University's campus
- meet with student Orientation Leaders who can answer your questions and concerns about your student's adjustment to life at Ohio University
- meet and talk with representatives from the Dean of Students, Financial Aid, Campus Care, Ohio University Police Department, Residential Housing, Career and Leadership Development Center, and many other offices



### WHAT TO BRING TO ORIENTATION

- A laptop or tablet.
- Documentation of any external credit you have earned or anticipate earning.
- Your learning community postcard, if you pre-registered.
- This BSO brochure.
- A photo ID.
- Your confirmation letter.
- An umbrella.
- The parking pass, but leave it on the dashboard of your car!

### LEARNING YOUR WAY AROUND

#### Campus Map

[www.ohio.edu/athens/ioumap.html](http://www.ohio.edu/athens/ioumap.html)

#### Parking Map

[www.ohio.edu/athens/parking](http://www.ohio.edu/athens/parking)

### Read this brochure. It's award winning.

In 2014, the National Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education, awarded this brochure as best in the nation for an institution of our size!



## When You Arrive



### CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON CAMPUS

In an effort to continuously improve campus, several sidewalks and buildings will be under construction while you are on campus this summer. These projects may affect traffic and parking, so please watch for construction signage.

### ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES AT ORIENTATION

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Cimmeron O'Connor at [taylorc2@ohio.edu](mailto:taylorc2@ohio.edu) at least one week prior to attending Orientation to ensure that accommodations are properly arranged.

### Parking

There is a parking pass in the center of this brochure. Please remove the permit and place it on your dashboard before leaving your car. Please read all information listed on the document carefully before utilizing the permit.

A map is printed on the back of the parking permit to assist with locating the lots in which your permit is valid. Permits are valid only within lots 51–55, 78–79, 127–129, and 132. Permits are not valid in restricted spaces or metered areas. All fees must be paid when parking at a meter on campus or in the garage.

Please utilize parking within lots 127–129 and 132 for the first day of your visit. For those staying overnight on campus, we encourage you to move your vehicle to lots 51–55 or 78–79 when you check-in to the residence hall between noon and 10 p.m.

*Parking Services — 740.594.1917*

### Arrival

Allow enough time to park and check-in by 9:45 a.m. so you can begin the program at 10 a.m.

Check-in begins at Baker University Center on the second floor at 7:30 a.m. Go to the Baker Center Ballroom on the fourth floor for the 10 a.m. Ohio University Welcome. Please bring this brochure and your confirmation letter with you!

If you need to take the Chemistry Placement Exam, you will need to arrive on campus no later than 8:15 a.m. to take the test at 8:45 a.m.

If you arrive late, check-in at Baker University Center remains open until noon. If you arrive after noon, go to Baker 417 (4th Floor), to check-in for Orientation.

### Residence Hall Check-In

Stay close to the action and get a preview of on-campus living by spending the night in a residence hall on the East Green this summer! Check into your residence hall between 5 – 10 p.m. by visiting the staff office in the hall in which you have been assigned. Hall assignments will be completed during the check in process at Baker Center. Do you need to check-in earlier than 5 p.m.? See a Residential Housing team member at Baker during check in and we will be happy to assist.

Rooms are double occupancy with twin beds, and each floor has a women's shared bathroom and a men's shared bathroom. Students and parents/families who wish to share rooms may do so. The residence halls are air-conditioned and basic towels and bed linens are provided. Are you arriving the night before your orientation begins? If you are arriving the night before your first scheduled day of orientation and need overnight accommodations, visit Shively Hall from 5 – 10 p.m. to receive an assignment and get checked in.

## Fees and Dining

### Orientation Fees

Orientation fees for students are included in The OHIO Guarantee™\* and cover program fees, materials, three meals, and one overnight stay in a residence hall. Parents/family members who choose to attend orientation will be billed for program and meal fees. All charges will be billed to the student account. Please see fee chart at the right and call Undergraduate Orientation Programs at 740.593.1951 to resolve any concerns regarding orientation fees by October 1, 2015.

### Fall Semester Fee Payment

The first payment for Fall Semester is due August 21, 2015. Account balance notifications are sent to students' Ohio University e-mails. Charges are assessed on the first day of each month.

### Dining at Orientation

Orientation fees include three meals during the program. Lunch and dinner at Orientation will be served at Nelson Dining Court.

This renovated campus dining experience allows visitors to sample numerous food items from a variety of different regional concepts. Various Pepsi® products, tea, juices, milk, and more are available. Nelson Market and the South Side Espresso Bar are conveniently located next to the dining court area. Trays, plates, and utensils are available at every concept.

On the second day of Orientation, breakfast will be served on the first floor of Baker University Center.

Throughout Orientation, the Front Room Coffee House, West 82, and the Bobcat Depot, all within Baker University Center, will be open for your purchasing convenience. At the end of Orientation, guests seeking a meal before departure can enjoy these venues or head Uptown to one of Athens many local establishments, [www.athensohio.com/dining/558](http://www.athensohio.com/dining/558).

#### Prefer a quick lunch?

Try our FastLane express lunch option, featuring entrées from Nelson Court's dining concepts (available via the Nelson Court South Green catwalk entrance located behind Nelson Commons).



### ORIENTATION FEE CHART

Student Program Fee . . . . .	Included*
Student Meals . . . . .	Included*
Student overnight stay between first and second day . . . . .	Included*
Student additional overnight stay in a residence hall . . . . .	\$28
Parent/Guest Program Fee and Meals (per person) . . . . .	\$46
Parent/Guest overnight stay in a residence hall (per person) . . . . .	\$28



#### Nelson Court Concepts

**Kalamata Leaf:** Choose from a variety of fresh Mediterranean cuisine.

**Bamboo Bowl:** Features traditional Wok and Asian Fusion options. Vegetarian options available.

**Smoke N Flames:** Tender beef brisket, pulled pork, ribs, chicken, and more—all smoked to perfection on campus.

**Sunny Side Up:** Choose from made-to-order omelets, a variety of breakfast meats, crisp hash browns, home fries, waffles, cereals, and more.

*Gluten-free options also available.*

# Math Placement

## HOW DO I TAKE THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST ONLINE?



Two weeks before Orientation, the Math Placement Test will be available online through Blackboard, under the “My Organizations” tab. It has been added based on SAT/ACT scores you provided, or math class(es) you transferred from another institution. You can access Blackboard through your “MyOHIO” Portal ([my.ohio.edu](http://my.ohio.edu)). Please sign-in with your OHIO ID and password.

*Math Department — 740.593.1254*

## Why is placement testing important?

It is important that you begin your academic career in the appropriate level of coursework. Placement testing helps us determine the level at which you should begin in math, language, and chemistry courses. Please read the following information about placement testing carefully, so that you know which placement tests to take at or before Orientation.

## Should I take the Math Placement Test online before Orientation?

PLACEMENT	MAJOR	TAKE THE TEST?
<b>Developmental Placement (DV)</b> MATH ACT 0–19      MATH SAT 0–479	All Majors	Yes. Please take the Math Placement Test prior to attending BSO.
<b>Placement Level 1 (PL 1)</b> MATH ACT 20–23      MATH SAT 480–559	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Business Majors</li> <li>• All Engineering Majors</li> <li>• Athletic Training</li> <li>• Biological Sciences</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Exercise Physiology</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Geology</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Physics</li> </ul>	Yes. Please take the Math Placement Test prior to attending BSO.
<b>Placement Level 2 (PL 2)</b> MATH ACT 24–29      MATH SAT 560–679	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Engineering Majors</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Biological Sciences</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Physics</li> </ul>	Yes. Please take the Math Placement Test prior to attending BSO.
<b>Placement Level 3 (PL 3)</b> MATH ACT 30–36      MATH SAT 680–800	All Majors	No. You do not need to take the Math Placement Test.

# Language and Chemistry Placement Tests

## Should I take the Language Placement Test at 8:15 a.m. on my first day of Orientation?

If you are in one of the following majors and would like to continue studying Italian, German, Spanish, French, Portuguese, or Russian, please plan to take a brief language placement test on your first day of Orientation. If you also need the chemistry placement test, you will have time to take both.

### ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Actuarial Science
- African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Plant Biology
- Applied Physics
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biology
- Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Classical Languages
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Geography
- Environmental Geology
- Environmental Plant Biology
- Environmental Prelaw
- Field Ecology
- Forensic Chemistry
- French
- Geography
- Geographic Information Science
- Geological Sciences
- German
- History
- Linguistics
- Marine, Freshwater, and Environmental Biology
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Statistics
- Meteorology
- Microbiology
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Predentistry
- Premedicine
- Prepharmacy
- Prephysical Therapy
- Preprofessional Program
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Urban Planning
- Wildlife and Conservation
- Women's and Gender Studies
- World Religions

### BUSINESS

Foreign language is one option for meeting the Global Perspective Requirement.

### COMMUNICATION

- Journalism
- Media Arts and Studies

### EDUCATION

- French Education
- German Education
- Spanish Education

### FINE ARTS

- Art History
- Dance
- Music
- Studio Art
- Theater

### HEALTH SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

- Social Work (B.A. only)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders

### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Global Studies – Africa
- Global Studies – Asia
- Global Studies – Europe
- Global Studies – Latin America
- Global Studies – War and Peace

*Modern Languages*  
— 740.593.2765

## SHOULD I TAKE THE CHEMISTRY PLACEMENT TEST AT 8:45 A.M. ON MY FIRST DAY OF ORIENTATION?

Students in these majors should take the chemistry placement test. The chemistry placement test is offered at 8:45 a.m. in Grover West 115 on your first day of orientation. Please be sure to take the test if you are in one of these majors.

- Biological Sciences (B.S.)
- Cellular and Molecular Biology (B.S.)
- Chemical Engineering Majors – all
- Chemistry Majors – all
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering with Computer Engineering Track
- Environmental and Plant Biology (B.S.)
- Exercise Physiology (can take Chem 1210 but all advised to take Chem 1510)
- Marine, Freshwater, and Environmental Biology (B.S.)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Microbiology (B.S.)
- Nutrition Major
- Physics/Meteorology (B.S.)
- Physical Science Education Major (B.S.Ed.)
- Pre-physical Therapy – Biological Sciences (B.S.)
- Pre-professional Program – Biological Sciences (B.S.)
- Wildlife and Conservation Biology (B.S.)

*Department of Chemistry —*  
740.593.1737

## YOUR OHIO ID

This ID is your unique identifier for your OHIO email address and begins with your initials, followed by a 6-digit number that ends in the year you applied to Ohio University to become a Bobcat. It also gives you access to your online Student Center, which is where you can register for classes and check your grades. Successful students read their OHIO email every day!

*Office of Information Technology  
Help Desk — 740.593.1222*

## Technology at Orientation

Please bring a laptop, or mobile device such as an iPad®, a Kindle Fire®, or a Galaxy Note® to Orientation, as the *Ohio University Undergraduate Catalog* and class registration are both Web-based. You will need to know your OHIO ID and password to access class registration. Be sure you have this information with you at Orientation. Limited technology will be available for students who do not own or cannot borrow a laptop or device.

### Bobcat Depot

(1st Floor, Baker University Center)  
OHIO's flagship technology and retail venue

Bobcat Depot is the one-stop shop for all of your technology, textbook, OHIO ID, and apparel needs.

- Authorized Apple Campus Store
- Educational discounts on laptops and desktops available
- Software available for purchase or download
- Extended product warranty options
- In-store OHIO ID card station

Talk to Bobcat Depot if you are planning to purchase a new laptop or desktop computer for fall semester—you can preorder your laptop to ensure that it is ready for pickup or use during Bobcat Student Orientation or have it shipped home at your convenience (free shipping available).

Visit <http://bobcatdepot.ohio.edu/> to preorder your laptop or desktop today, or call 740.597.DEPO (3376) for additional information.



## Colleges, the Catalog, and PIDs

There are nine main undergraduate colleges and one center that house all majors. Your confirmation letter has your college listed on it. Your college has a student services office, a dean, and an assistant dean. In addition to your academic advisor, these are the professionals who can help you when you have academic questions or would like to know more about opportunities.

Prior to Orientation, reading the catalog section about your major will help you prepare for your advising session. Your catalog year is 2015. You can find the catalog at [www.ohio.edu](http://www.ohio.edu), under the "Academics" link in the main navigation. Then look under the "Academic Services" subheading on the pop-out menu.

Your Personal Identification number (PID) is the number everyone will need to make sure they are looking at the right record when they are talking with you. So, memorize your PID and your college, and you will sound like an expert and have an easier time navigating Ohio University!

## External Credit

### Transferring External Exam and Course Credit to Ohio University

Ohio University recognizes several kinds of transferable credits, including college level courses taken at other universities and certain credits by examination (AP, IB, etc.). Ensuring that your records are complete prior to attending Bobcat Student Orientation will greatly increase your ability to create a complete and appropriate schedule. To ensure that either your test scores or official transcripts have been received prior to orientation, check your OHIO Student Center to-do list or call Undergraduate Admissions at 740.593.4100.

**For advising purposes, it is also helpful to bring copies of any external credit with you to Orientation.**

#### College-Level Credit from Another Institution

In general, college level courses taken at regionally accredited institutions will transfer to Ohio University. This includes courses taken while in high school via PSEO and dual enrollment. Courses taken at any of the public colleges or universities in Ohio with grades of "D-" or better will transfer. Courses taken from private and out-of-state institutions will transfer if the grade earned in the class is "C-" or better.

#### External Examination Credit

If you have taken AP or IB courses and their corresponding assessments or any of the other examinations listed below you may receive college level credit:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Excelsior College Examinations (ECE)
- Project Lead the Way

Official Advanced Placement (AP) exam scores are not made available until the first week of July for exams taken in May so they will not show on your record until after orientation. For a full list of equivalencies, please visit [www.ohio.edu/admissions/transfer](http://www.ohio.edu/admissions/transfer).

Please request that your test score reports or an official (sealed) copy of your transcript from each college and university that you have attended be sent directly to Undergraduate Admissions, Ohio University, Chubb Hall 120, 1 Ohio University, Athens OH 45701. It is important to note that you will need to initiate the sending of your transcripts and that it sometimes takes up to 4 to 6 weeks for them to be processed and evaluated.



### STAND UP AND CHEER (FIGHT SONG)

Stand up and cheer  
Cheer loud and long for old OHIO  
For today we raise  
The Green and White above the rest

Our team is fighting,  
And we are bound to win the fray  
We've got the team,  
We've got the steam,  
For this is old OHIO's day!

Rah! Rah! Rah!



# Student Schedule and Activities

## FIRST DAY

*\*The sessions marked with an asterisk are critical to your success at Ohio University.*

**7:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

### \*Orientation Check-in

(Bring a state ID or driver's license)

*Baker University Center (Breakfast available for purchase at West 82)*

Please have student PID# (Personal Identification Number) and photo ID available. Students will have their picture taken and receive their University ID at this time. Rufus will also welcome you! Breakfast is not included in the program, but West 82, the Baker University Center food court, will be open to purchase a morning meal.

**8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

### Chemistry Placement Test

(if needed — see page 5 in this brochure)

**8:15 a.m. or 8:45 a.m.**

### Language Placement Test

(Required for students to take a language course.)

**9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

### Involvement Resource Fair

**10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

### \*Ohio University Welcome

This session will provide you with a sense of where you fit into the history and mission of Ohio University.

**10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

### \*Academic Success

This interactive session focuses on student success at Ohio University and includes information about Learning Community Programs. Students, please bring your confirmation letter with you to this session.

**11:30 a.m. – Noon**

### \*Building Your OHIO Network

(see confirmation letter)

Check your confirmation letter to determine the location of this session. Students will meet their Orientation Leaders and begin to get to know each other.

**Noon – 1:15 p.m. | Nelson Dining Court  
Lunch**

**Noon – 1 p.m.**

### Culinary Services Student Employment Hiring Sessions

(See Working for Culinary Services, page 12)

**1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

### \*Bobcat Connections

Get to know the students in your group as you prepare for the academic and registration information.

**1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

### \*Academic Essentials

Faculty advisors will discuss university, college, and major requirements, and review how to use the Undergraduate Catalog online and other materials needed for registration. Specific questions about courses will be answered.

**3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

### \*Becoming a Bobcat

Learn the essentials of becoming a Bobcat, the Undergraduate Catalog, my.ohio.edu, Course Offerings, textbook purchasing/leasing, the scheduling process, the Honor Code, meal plans, campus life, and Catmail.

**4 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

### Language Placement Test

(if needed — see page 5 in this brochure)

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

### Your OHIO Adventure!

**5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

### Culinary Services Student Employment Hiring Sessions

(See Working for Culinary Services, page 12)

**5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. | Nelson Dining Court  
Dinner**

**7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

### \*Expectations and Opportunities

Led by the Dean of Students, this session provides students and parents with information including a successful transition to college, opportunities for involvement and leadership, and expectations for student behavior.

**8 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

### \*Bobcat to Bobcat

Living away from home means overcoming new challenges and taking on new responsibilities. Orientation Leaders will lead a discussion on some of the critical issues facing students on a residential campus, and will share their experiences and what you need to know. Students only please.

**9 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

### Open Advising

During this optional session, Orientation Leaders from various majors will be available to answer questions from students and parents about Ohio University, majors, courses, the registration process, and much more. This informal session is designed to provide supplemental advice and is not a formal advising session.

**9 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.**

### Late Night On The Green

## SECOND DAY

**6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.**

### Check-out of Residence Hall

**7 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.**

### 1st Floor, Baker University Center Breakfast

**8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

### \*Bobcat Basics

Do my parents get to see my grades? What should I do if I get sick? How safe is this campus? Facilitated by the Division of Student Affairs, students/parents/families will learn about the Registrar's Office, Bursar's Office, Campus Care, Residential Housing, Ohio University Police Department and Culinary Services.

**9:05 a.m.**

### \*Academic Advising and Class Registration

Both faculty and Orientation Leaders will help you register for fall semester courses online. Most students are finished registering before noon.

**10 a.m. – Noon**

### Visit Residence Hall Rooms

**9:30 a.m. – Noon**

### Specific Student Populations Check-Out

(See Sessions Just For You, page 11)

# Parent/Family Schedule and Activities

## FIRST DAY

*\*The sessions marked with an asterisk are extremely important.*

**7:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Baker University Center**

### \*Orientation Check-in (Leave luggage in the car.)

Parents will meet a representative from the Dean of Students Office and receive helpful materials. Breakfast is not included in the program, but West 82, the Baker University Center food court, will be open if you would like to purchase a morning meal.

**10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

### \*Ohio University Welcome

This session will provide you with a sense of where you fit into the history and mission of Ohio University.

**10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

### \*Academic Success

Led by Wendy Merb-Brown, Director of Learning Community Programs, this session focuses on student success at Ohio University and includes information about Learning Community Programs.

**11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.**

### \*Family Perspectives

Assistant Dean of Students, Dr. Jamie S. Patton, will discuss the issues of parent/family adjustment and strategies that parents can use to assist their students with the exciting transition into university life.

**12:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Nelson Dining Court Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

### \*Discussions: Academics

Organized by college, these presentations provide parents/families with an overview of academic requirements and intellectual opportunities.

**2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

### \*Life at Ohio University – A Student's Perspective

An Orientation Leader will share what it is like to be an Ohio University student. You can ask about anything on your mind.

**3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

### Walking Tour of Campus

**4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

### Introduction to Learning Communities

**5 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

### Residence Hall Check-in (see page 2)

Students and guests staying overnight on campus may move their cars and check-in at their residence hall.

**5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. | Nelson Dining Court Dinner**

**7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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**8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.**

### Family Connections

Parents/family members will continue the Family Perspective discussion and find connections to other Bobcat families and the Athens community.

**9 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

### Open Advising

During this optional session, Orientation Leaders from various majors will be available to answer questions from students and parents about Ohio University, majors, courses, the registration process, and much more. This informal session is designed to provide supplemental advice and is not a formal advising session.

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**8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

### \*Bobcat Basics

Can I see my student's grades? What should I do if my student gets sick? What if my student has problems in his/her residence hall? Is my student responsible for paying his/her bill? How safe is this campus? Get answers to these questions and more during this informative session. Facilitated by the Division of Student Affairs, students/parents/families will learn about the Registrar's Office, Bursar's Office, Campus Care, Residential Housing, Ohio University Police Department and Culinary Services.

**9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

### Quick Question Zone

After Bobcat Basics you will have an opportunity to speak with the following offices: Registrar, Bursar, Campus Care, Residential Housing, Ohio University Police Department, and Culinary Services to take care of business matters and answer your questions. Parents/families of students who have chronic or critical physical or mental illness will also have an opportunity to speak with a health care professional.

**9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

### A Letter to Your Student

Take a moment to reflect on this experience and write a letter to your student, which will be mailed fall semester.

**10 a.m. – Noon**

### Visit Residence Hall Rooms

# Parent & Family

## UNIVERSITY PHONE NUMBERS

Academic Advancement Center . . . . .	740.593.2644
Accessibility Services . . . . .	740.593.2620
Admissions . . . . .	740.593.4100
Athletic Department . . . . .	740.593.1173
Allen Student Advising Center . . . . .	740.566.8888
Bobcat Depot. . . . .	740.597.3376
Bobcat Student Orientation . . . . .	740.593.1951
Bursar . . . . .	740.593.4130
Campus Care. . . . .	740.593.1660
Campus Involvement Center . . . . .	740.593.4025
Campus Safety (OUPD) . . . . .	740.593.1911
Career and Leadership Development Center . . . . .	740.593.2909
Culinary Services . . . . .	740.593.2970
Dean of Students. . . . .	740.593.1800
Global Opportunities. . . . .	740.593.4583
Financial Aid . . . . .	740.593.4141
LGBT Center . . . . .	740.593.0239
Registrar . . . . .	740.593.4191
Residential Housing . . . . .	740.593.4090
Transportation and Parking Services . . . . .	740.593.1917
University Libraries. . . . .	740.593.2699
University Switchboard . . . . .	740.593.1000
Women’s Center . . . . .	740.593.9625

Dear Families,

It is with great pleasure that I join the many others in our community who will welcome you and your student to the Bobcat family!



You have guided your student through many important transitions and college may be the most challenging of all. We believe that student success is enhanced when parents and family members engage in an effective working partnership with our institution. Ultimately, we want your student to be safe, enjoy his or her college experience, graduate, and to be a productive citizen.

To accomplish this mission we will:

- Effectively communicate with parents and families.
- Help parents and families understand and navigate Ohio University.
- Provide advocacy for parents and families.
- Provide programs that support the engagement of parents in the Ohio University experience.

After Orientation, should you have additional questions, please visit the Parents/Family website at [www.ohio.edu/parents](http://www.ohio.edu/parents), call our office at 740.593.1800 or e-mail [parents@ohio.edu](mailto:parents@ohio.edu).

Again, welcome to the Bobcat family. We look forward to partnering with you!

Sincerely,

Jamie S. Patton, Ed.D.  
 Assistant Dean of Students  
[pattonjl@ohio.edu](mailto:pattonjl@ohio.edu)  
 740.593.1800

## Family Connections

Come meet other parents and family members of new Bobcats in Washington Hall in the evening of your first day. You are also experiencing a transition, and this session will give you an opportunity to meet others in the same situation, relax after a long day, and see another beautiful part of campus.

## Specific Populations

### Sessions Just for You

Welcome to Ohio University! You have the opportunity to meet with helpful staff members during BSO who are dedicated to your success. Please be sure to check out with your program coordinator on your second day of Orientation after registering for fall semester classes if you are a member of one of the populations listed below.

#### First-Generation

First-Generation College students have parents/guardians who have not completed an Associates or Bachelors degree. Nearly a quarter of our students are First Generation and we are excited to have you here!

*Allen Student Advising Center —  
740.566.8888*

#### The Office for Multicultural Student Access and Retention (OMSAR)

As a multicultural student at Ohio University, the Office for Multicultural Student Access and Retention (OMSAR) provides academic and nonacademic support that begins with LINKS—our first year college transition and support program.

*— 740.593.9376*

#### Military and Veteran

Students who are Veterans or current military personnel including National Guard or Reservists have additional advising, academic support, programs, and services available to them.

*— 740.566.8387*

#### College Achievement Program (CAP)

CAP provides opportunities for academic development and intellectual growth, assists students with OHIO's graduation requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their undergraduate degree.

*Academic Advancement Center  
— 740.593.2644*

#### Commuters

Commuter Students are students who live no further than 50 miles from Ohio University and choose to stay in their family residence instead of moving to campus housing. Dining services has a meal plan available to commuter students who would like to take advantage of on campus dining.

*— 740.593.1935*

#### Varsity Athletes

In addition to having a discipline specific academic advisor, student-athletes have an athletic advisor who will help ensure you are meeting NCAA requirements.

*— 740.593.1173*



### OHIO DEFINITIONS

**Bursar:** Oversees billing, payment plans, refunds. Located at Chubb Hall 010, 740.593.4130.

**Financial Aid:** Oversees student loans, grants, and scholarships as well as Federal Work Study employment eligibility. Located at Chubb Hall 020, 740.593.4141.

**Registrar:** Oversees course registration, transcripts, enrollment/degree verification, grade disbursement. Located at Chubb Hall 115, 740.593.4191.

**Credit Hour:** The unit students earn for completing courses. Most courses are worth 3 credit hours. All undergraduate students must accumulate at least 120 credit hours to graduate. Taking 15 credit hours per term is a good goal.

## Campus Employment and Service Opportunities



*"Students who worked between 1 and 15 hours per week showed a slightly higher GPA than those whose workloads were heavier and those who were not working at all" (Dallam & Hoyt, 1981; Li-Chen & Wooster, 1979). Not only were higher GPAs found in students that maintained jobs, but Green (2001) also stated 'that they had gained job skills, experience, knowledge of a variety of jobs, a sense of accomplishment, a feeling of responsibility, and money for personal and school expenses' (p. 329).*

— Lauren E Watanabe

### Jobs on Campus

It is important for college students to learn about money, time management, interpersonal relationships, and maintaining a professional attitude. These skills are best learned through a steady job. Many offices at Ohio University hire students part-time with scheduling options that work well with classes. It is recommended that full-time college students do not work more than 15 hours per week in order to be academically successful.

Jobs on campus often have opportunities for promotion and provide transferable skills and professional references that can be helpful for students when they graduate and seek employment. Some of the largest employers at Ohio University are Culinary Services, Ping Recreational Center, Undergraduate Admissions, Learning Communities, Orientation Programs, and Alden Library.

Students interested in pursuing campus employment please log-on to [www.ohio.edu/hr](http://www.ohio.edu/hr) and click on "Employment" and select "Student" from the list. Job opportunities are posted frequently throughout the year.

### Working for Culinary Services

Culinary Services, the largest employer of students on campus, provides numerous professional opportunities that offer real-world development, competitive wages, and the convenience of working on campus. You can view and apply for available Culinary Services positions at [www.ohiouniversityjobs.com](http://www.ohiouniversityjobs.com) before you visit campus.

Our staff will be available to review your application and conduct short interviews while you are on campus for orientation—visit the Nelson Commons Private Dining Room #2 between Noon – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to request a job interview.

In order for us to offer you a job, you must bring your fall semester class schedule along with the appropriate I-9 verification documents. Acceptable I-9 verification documents may be found at [www.ohio.edu/food/about/students.cfm](http://www.ohio.edu/food/about/students.cfm).

### Project of the Week and Volunteer Fair

At the beginning of the academic year, the Campus Involvement Center sponsors the Volunteer Fair where you can learn about service opportunities in Athens. Each week there are also volunteer opportunities for students interested in contributing to the Athens community. Make Athens your home by making it a better place, [www.ohio.edu/involvement/communityservice/volunteer.cfm](http://www.ohio.edu/involvement/communityservice/volunteer.cfm).

## Student Involvement Fair

The Student Involvement Fair is an annual event that showcases nearly 300 of Ohio University's approximately 500 student organizations. Beginning with a performance from the famous Marching 110 and other talented student groups, the fair is an exhilarating way to start the school year. Whether students are looking to get involved in the arts, club sports, a religious organization, or student government, the Involvement Fair is the way find a niche.

## Explore Majors at the Majors Fair

About one quarter of the first-year class has either not chosen a major, or has not declared it yet. OHIO has more than 200 majors, minors, and certificates, and advisors will help make sure you find a program that fits your goals and interests. Learn more about OHIO's academic opportunities at this year's Majors Fair in September, [www.ohio.edu/majorsfair](http://www.ohio.edu/majorsfair).

## Spiritual Life in Athens

There are several faith communities in Athens that welcome students! During Bobcat Student Orientation check-in students will have an opportunity to request more information about any faith community they are interested in joining. Athens faith-based organizations work together in the University Interfaith Association, whose president is Evan Young. Learn more at [www.ohio.edu/students/spiritual/uia.cfm](http://www.ohio.edu/students/spiritual/uia.cfm).

## Career and Leadership Development Center

The Career & Leadership Development Center (CLDC) welcomes students and families during BSO. Located on the 5th floor of Baker University Center, the CLDC provides support services, resources, and development opportunities throughout your time at OHIO and even after you graduate. Connect with the CLDC staff early in your Bobcat career to make the best use of development and planning resources.

CLDC services include everything from drop-in questions related to career and major exploration, assistance with setting up your Bobcat CareerLink account, and getting more information about our fall 2015 leadership programming.

CLDC Career Coaching sessions provide one-on-one support whether you are exploring majors, seeking internship and job search guidance, or building your résumé.

The CLDC offers multiple leadership certification offerings, including Foundations, a six-week program for first-year student leaders.

Once you begin an internship or job search, the CLDC hosts multiple Career Fairs during the year, along with on campus recruiting.

*Career and Leadership  
Development Center*  
— 740.593.2909





*It is our goal that every student leaves Orientation with a complete and appropriate schedule and a new friend.*

#### Questions about Bobcat Student Orientation?

Baker University Center 417  
1 Ohio University  
Athens OH 45701-2979

T: 740.593.1951

F: 740.593.9544

E-mail: [orientation@ohio.edu](mailto:orientation@ohio.edu)

[www.ohio.edu/uc/bsol/](http://www.ohio.edu/uc/bsol/)

## What's Next? Welcome Weekend!

Orientation to Ohio University will continue through Welcome Weekend, which is August 20 – 23. In order to accommodate the high volume of traffic and make move-in a less stressful experience for students, parents/families, the University asks that students please follow the schedule below:

- Last Names A through F      Thursday, August 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Last Names G through K      Thursday, August 20, 1 – 5 p.m.
- Last Names L through R      Friday, August 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Last Names S through Z      Friday, August 21, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Students in some programs will have different move-in times. Students will be notified if this impacts them.

A detailed schedule of Welcome Weekend activities will be available later in the summer at [www.ohio.edu/arrivalguide](http://www.ohio.edu/arrivalguide).

#### Behavior Expectations

The Ohio University Student code of Conduct applies throughout Orientation.

[www.ohio.edu/communitystandards](http://www.ohio.edu/communitystandards)



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