Session Agenda

1. IMMIGRATION
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   - Visa Process
   - Immigration Check-In
   - Entering the United States

2. ORIENTATION
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   Program Coordinator for Global Engagement
   - Student Orientation
   - Welcome Events
   - Next Steps Reminders

3. GET INVOLVED
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   Office of International Affairs
   Program Officer for Sponsored Programs and Academic Liaison
   - Global Engagement Support and Programs

4. VACCINATIONS AND COVID
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   Student Health Services
   Associate Assistant Preventative Medicine

   Dr. Sheila Westendorf
   Student Health Services
   Medical Director
   - University Vaccination Requirement and Tuberculosis Testing
   - COVID Vaccine and Health Requirements
PREPARING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES
Pre-Arrival: Immigration Process

• Download I-20 (Buckeye Mail)
• Pay I-901 SEVIS fee at fmjfee.com
  • For more information on the SEVIS fee, visit ice.gov/sevis/i901
• Schedule your visa appointment at nearest U.S. Consulate or Embassy
• Transfer Students Only: Complete SEVIS transfer process if transferring from another U.S. school
Pre-Arrival: Visa Appointment

- Items to take to your visa appointment
  - Valid passport and I-20/DS-2019 Form
  - Financial documents
  - Evidence of English ability (example: TOEFL or IELTS score)
  - Evidence of intent to depart the U.S. after completion of studies
  - SEVIS fee receipt
  - Photograph for visa
  - Ohio State’s admission letter
Pre-Arrival: Visa Appointment

• When applying for your U.S. visa, remember:
  • Ties to home country
  • Speak English during process
  • Maintain positive attitude
  • Know your academic program and how it fits into your long-term plan
  • Be brief in responses
**Pre-Arrival: Preparing Your Travel**

- Confirm travel arrangements to John Glenn International Airport (CMH)
- You can enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the start date on your I-20
  - Unless transferring SEVIS record from another U.S. institution
- Keep passport valid for at least six months into the future
- Check packing restrictions with U.S. Border and Customs and your airline prior to leaving for the airport.
Review COVID-19 Entry Requirements

• As of June 12, 2022, the CDC no longer requires passengers traveling to the United States to show a negative COVID-19 test before boarding a flight.

• Travelers are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
At the Port of Entry: Customs & Border Protection

• You will be processed through CBP upon arrival to U.S.
• Denial of entry is extremely rare
• Pack documents **before** departure in carry on luggage
• **Required** to have in hand at CBP:
  • Passport with valid F-1 or J-1 visa
  • Form I-20
  • Ohio State admissions letter
At the Port of Entry: Customs & Border Protection

• Recommended to have in hand at CBP
  • Financial documentation (example: bank statement copy)
  • Autumn Semester full time course schedule (if available)
  • Students may be asked to go through “secondary inspection”

• Need help with CBP? Contact OIA
  • Daytime hours: 614-292-6101
  • After hours: 614-292-6677

• Important! Do not pack
  • Fresh fruit, produce, meat, prepared food, spices or plants
  • CBP officers will not allow you to bring these items into the country
After Arrival: Immigration Check-In

- Complete your mandatory Immigration Check-In with OIA
  - Required by U.S. federal law for all new F-1 and J-1 students
  - Immigration documents copied and reviewed by OIA staff
  - Check-in will take place August 1-22. It is of utmost importance that you complete your check-in with us.
  - Registration window for check-in will open up soon; keep an eye out for an email providing you with the link.
  - Complete your Student Record eForm in advance
    - Visit go.osu.edu/newintstucheckin
  - Download and print your I-94 entry card
    - Visit cbp.gov/i94
  - Be sure to read the pre-arrival emails for details and links
    - Visit oia.osu.edu/units/international-students/pre-arrival-check-in-and-orientation/
After Arrival: Immigration Restrictions and Benefits

- In order to maintain F-1 student immigration status in U.S.
  - Update local address upon arrival and within 10 days of any address change during your time at Ohio State though Buckeye Link
  - Enroll full time (12 credit hours) during each semester
  - During the summer term, enrollment is not required except for graduating students
Questions on immigration?

• Contact the International Student and Scholars team for questions about immigration process at iss@osu.edu
• Review immigration presentation in the Online Orientation
• Visit Autumn 2022 Updates on https://oia.osu.edu/units/international-students/summer-autumn-2022-updates/
New International Student Orientation

- **July 18:** Mandatory Online Orientation becomes available
  - Required for all new and transfer international students
    - You DO NOT have to register; you will automatically be enrolled in the Carmen Canvas course
    - Email instructions will be sent July 18 to your Buckeyemail account
  - Online Orientation takes approximately 8-10 hours for completion
  - Students should complete Online Orientation before attending Immigration Check-In, and no later than August 22
    - OIA automatically notified of your completion
    - Once completed, course remains available for reference
New International Student Orientation

• Topics covered in online Orientation:
  • Maintaining your immigration status and OIA services
  • Academic requirements and resources
  • Life on campus and outside the classroom
  • Health insurance and screening requirements
  • Campus health and safety requirements and services
  • Housing and dining services
## Welcome to International Undergraduate Orientation-SP21

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TO COMPLETE THE VIRTUAL ORIENTATION:

REVIEW ALL MODULES AND COMPLETE THE REVIEW QUIZ AT THE LAST MODULE BY YOUR ORIENTATION COMPLETION IS AUTOMATICALLY RECORDED WITH OIA.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO CONTACT OIA TO VERIFY.
After Arrival: Transportation to Campus

- Limited free transportation from John Glenn International Airport to The Ohio State University using Lyft ride share service
  - Students must request code in advance from global-engagement@osu.edu
  - Available July 1
- Additional ride share (Uber) and taxi services
  - Taxi cost is approximately $30
  - Drive takes approximately 15 minutes
- COTA Bus: Line 7 to Line 22
  - Ride is approximate 1 hour and 15 minutes
New International Student Orientation

• In-Person Sessions
  • Must complete Immigration Check-In first before orientation
  • Mandatory in-person sessions held throughout August
  • Your session will be determined by your Immigration Check-In date

Undergraduate In-person orientation

• Check-in on August 1-5, attend Orientation #1 on August 8-10
• Check-in on August 8-9, attend Orientation #2 on August 10-12
• Check-in on August 10-12, attend Orientation #3 on August 15-17
• Check-in on August 15-16, attend Orientation #4 on August 17-19

Graduate In-person orientation

• Check-in on August 1-5 and 8-11, attend Orientation #1 on August 12
• Check-in on August 15-18, attend Orientation #2 on August 19
Academic Advising: Undergraduate

- Academic scheduling and advising is the oversight of your respective college or program. OIA does not register classes.
- July: Colleges and programs are currently assigning advisors and pre-scheduling you based on major and general education.
- August: Afternoon of Day 2 of orientation you will be meeting with your academic advising college to review your schedule.
- Ability to ask questions and make adjustments to schedule.
New International Student Orientation

- **August 1-21**: Attend Orientation welcome events and workshops
  - Opportunity to attend online information sessions and in-person social programming to make friends and feel comfortable in a new place
  - Types of events: shopping, neighborhood tours, local landmark visits, recreation, academic workshops, and presentations about life in the U.S.

- **How do I register for events?**
  - A full schedule of events, including instructions for registering and links to Carmen Zoom sessions, will be available in your Online Orientation calendar.
  - Ohio Union Event Registration and Next Steps presentation

- **Visit the Welcome Booth August 1-21 for help with questions**
TO ATTEND EVENTS, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FIRST DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY. REGISTER IN CARMEN OR THE GLOBAL EVENTS APP.
Next Steps: ESL and Math Placement Tests

- Students must complete their placement test before advisors can schedule classes.
- ESL placement and Math placement tests are on your Buckeye Link to do list
- ESL: Online test will re-open in late June if you did not complete by the May 30th posted deadline
- Math: Math Placement Test D Online.
- You must have both tests completed by June 30
**Next Steps: Getting Your Student ID: BuckID**

- BuckID Card Office will email your BuckID account July 18 with instructions and link to set-up your student ID online
- Complete the Pre-arrival Upload from link in Buckeyemail
  - Take an ID photo
  - Upload ID photo in online system
  - Upload Government ID
  - Sign Your Name in the Signature Block
  - Finalize Your Submission
- Pick up will be during in-person orientation. Bring your passport
- Students arriving after orientation must schedule an appointment
Next Steps: Campus Move-In

• International Students can do early move-in starting August 5
• A $35 per day charge will be placed on your statement of account (tuition bill) for AU22
• Move-In is scheduled August 18-20, with some halls available for staggered move-in beginning August 15
• Move-in date is based on residence hall assignment
• Instructions for sign-up come in assignment email
• If you have you have questions, email housing@osu.edu
• Dining options available to all students, required for on-campus
Next Steps: Off-Campus Housing Search

• Visit Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement
  • https://offcampus.osu.edu/

• Off-Campus Housing Search
  • https://offcampus.osu.edu/search-housing.aspx?pricefrom=0&sort=1

• Roommate Search
  • https://offcampus.osu.edu/secure/students/roommate-search.aspx

• Roommate Fairs

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Next Steps: Important Action Items

• Complete your “To Do List” action items on (buckeyelink.osu.edu)
• Carefully read all OIA pre-arrival e-mails (Pre-arrival Emails)
• Complete placement test online in ESL and/or Math, ASAP (if required)
• Purchase interim health insurance if arriving in U.S. before August 18, start date of coverage if arrive early (Health Insurance)
• Decide arrangements for early-arrival and permanent housing
• Monitor Buckeyemail for contact from BuckID Card Office and Housing
• Complete the SHS International Student Vaccination Requirement
• Complete COVID-19 vaccine reporting requirements
• Pay tuition & fees by September 9 (unless noted differently on statement of account)
Questions about orientation?

• Contact the Global Engagement team at global-engagement@osu.edu
• Contact OIA’s Village at village@osu.edu for general questions about adjusting to life in the United States and Columbus.
• Visit oia.osu.edu/internationalstudents
GETTING INVOLVED WITH GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
Global Engagement Programming

Designed to:

• Facilitate relationships between international and domestic students
• Cultivate cross-cultural learning and interactions


**Cultural Adaptability**

Why participate?
- Your future career will likely oblige you to interact with individuals who are not like you
- Internationalizing your experience will allow you to cultivate global competence
Global Engagement Nights

• Weekly sessions for international and domestic students
• Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. in 160 Enarson Classroom Building
• Wide range of topics! Examples:
  • *Global Graffiti: Street Art Around the World*
  • *International Women's Day*
  • *Lunar New Year Celebration*
English Conversation Program

• Promotes the development of global English skills by facilitating student-led interactions between a linguistically and culturally diverse group of individuals

• All participants, native and non-native speakers of English, can increase their global competency
English Conversation Program Group Dynamics

- Groups are intentionally linguistically/culturally diverse
- Groups are egalitarian in nature
- The success of the group is dependent on each individual member
- Meet six times per semester
- Three large events per year
International Film Series

• International film viewing on the 4th Wednesday of every month with subtitles
• Located at Gateway Film Center on High Street
• Free admission with BuckID and first 30 get free popcorn and soda vouchers
Global Engagement Athletics Events

• Join us each month for free admission to a different Ohio State athletic event every month
• Learn chants, cheers, and traditions to feel part of the Buckeye family
• Meet American students and make friends while in the student section with Block-O
• Raffles and giveaways and team meets
Global Engagement Certificate Program

• The Global Engagement Certificate Program is an opportunity for students to enhance their Ohio State experience while becoming global citizens
• Students earn points by participating in globally engaging events offered at the Office of International Affairs and around campus
• Provides students training in cross-cultural communication skills
Staying Connected

• Sign up for Global Engagement Newsletter
  • oia.osu.edu/get-involved/global-engagement

• Global Events at Ohio State app
  • Available on iOS and Android

• Global Engagement Facebook
  Facebook (@GlobalEngagementatOhioState)

• Office of International Affairs social media
  Facebook (@InternationalAffairsatOhioState)
  Twitter (@OSUGlobal)
  Instagram (@OSUGlobal)
Questions on getting involved?

- Contact the Global Engagement team at global-engagement@osu.edu
- Visit oia.osu.edu/global-engagement
University Requirement: Tuberculosis Test
Introduction

Joshua Owen – Administrative Associate

• Wilce Student Health Center

• Department of Preventive Medicine

• Job Duties:
  • Tuberculosis testing for international students
  • Healthcare professional vaccinations
  • Ohio State Vaccination Requirement
  • Orientations, mass vaccine clinics, laboratory clearance
Tuberculosis Testing

How to complete and submit the mandatory Tuberculosis test that is required of new and returning international students
Tuberculosis Overview

- Tuberculosis (TB) is a highly contagious infectious disease that mainly affects your lungs.
- Tuberculosis is caused by bacteria that can be easily spread through droplet transfer = coughing and sneezing.
- Certain countries have higher incidences of Tuberculosis infection than others.
- There is a vaccine to help prevent Tuberculosis infection, but it is not always effective especially as an adult.
To prevent the spread of Tuberculosis on The Ohio State University’s campuses, all international students are required to complete Tuberculosis testing upon arrival to an Ohio State campus (including branch campuses).
Who is required to have a TB test?

- All international students who are new to The Ohio State University and have an F-1 or J-1 visa
- All international students who are returning to The Ohio State University after spending one semester or more outside of the US (does not include summer break)
- All international students who are switching from an undergraduate degree program to a graduate degree program
Tuberculosis Testing

**Distance Learning Exemption**

- The Tuberculosis testing requirement is *ONLY* for students who will be living in the United States this semester.

- If you are taking online classes while living in your home country or outside of the US, your Tuberculosis testing requirement is *deferred* until you are able to successfully travel to and study within the US.
The Tuberculosis Testing Requirement

Students are required to complete **ONE** of the options below:

- **Tuberculosis skin test**
  - Also called a PPD skin test
  - Must be completed within six (6) months of the semester start date
  - Negative results are normal
  - Positive results are abnormal and a follow-up chest x-ray is required afterwards

- **Tuberculosis blood test**
  - Also called a QFT-G or IGRA
  - Must be completed within six (6) months of the semester start date
  - Negative results are normal
  - Positive results are abnormal and a follow-up chest x-ray and doctor’s visit is required
It is strongly encouraged that students complete their Tuberculosis test in their home country **BEFORE** their arrival to the University.
Tuberculosis Testing

How to Submit Documentation

- All students who are able to complete their Tuberculosis test before their arrival to the University must submit documentation of the test to satisfy the requirement.

- Have your doctor complete the official Ohio State Vaccination Requirement form, which can be found [here](#).

- Documentation can be submitted on the My BuckMD secure web portal through the Wilce Student Health Center website.
To access the My BuckMD secure web portal, please go to the website:

https://shs.osu.edu/my-buckmd1

(To login to My BuckMD, use your Ohio State name.# and password)
Required Tasks in My BuckMD

Make sure to complete BOTH of the following tasks in My BuckMD:

- **Upload TB test documents**
  - Select “Document Upload” from top navigation bar
  - Select “Vaccination Requirement – New OSU Students” as document type
  - Add the necessary document and save

- **Complete Electronic Forms**
  - Select “My Forms” from top navigation bar
  - Answer questions in Virtual Health Screen Appointment form
  - Complete any additional electronic forms that are listed

AND
Tuberculosis Testing

My BuckMD

Welcome to My BuckMD

Student Life Student Health Services is committed to providing all students with quality health care.

My BuckMD allows you to:
- Communicate securely with your provider and other staff involved in your care
- Manage your appointments
- Complete appointment forms
- View your chart notes
- View your immunization history
- View your lab results
- View your patient summary (allergies and current medications)
- View your receipts

We hope you find My BuckMD to be a valuable resource in your involvement and management of your health care.

Best wishes for a healthy school year!

Sincerely,
Student Life Student Health Services
Tuberculosis Testing

My BuckMD

Upload Document

All documents must include the patient's full name and date of birth.

For 3rd party PCR reporting and exemptions for COVID-19 Testing requirement please report through Testing, Safety and Healthy Buckeyes.

Only files of type PDF, PNG, TIFF and JPG/JPEG can be uploaded. Files must be less than 1,000 KB in size.

Upon clicking SAVE your document will be uploaded. A message will display if there is an error processing the document.

Document Type

Vaccination Requirement - New OSU Students

Please upload your completed Vaccination Requirement documentation for processing. Make sure all documents contain your name and date of birth.

File

Save

If you are unable to upload your document(s) due to size, file type, or errors, you may email it to vaccination@osu.edu.
Tuberculosis Testing

Unable to complete TB test before arrival?

• If you are unable to complete a Tuberculosis test before your arrival to the US, you will have the opportunity to complete one at the Wilce Student Health Center during the first few weeks of the semester.
  • This will require an in-person visit to the Columbus campus student health center
• You will receive an email message sometime during the first few weeks of classes with information on how to schedule an appointment for a Tuberculosis blood test
Tuberculosis Testing

Unable to complete TB test before arrival?

- You must wait for the email from SL SHS Preventive Medicine before you can schedule and complete your Tuberculosis test at the Student Health Center.
- No consequences for waiting until after classes start to complete the TB test.
- Completing the test on your own before you receive our email will require you to use your own insurance and pay for the test on your own (~$200 for TB blood test).
Failure to complete the University’s Tuberculosis testing requirement during your first semester will result in an academic hold on your BuckeyeLink account, which will prevent you from scheduling new classes at Ohio State.
University Vaccination Requirement
The Ohio State University Vaccination Requirement

How to complete and submit the mandatory vaccinations that are required of new international students
Ohio State’s Vaccination Requirement

• In addition to the Tuberculosis testing requirement, new international students are required to submit proof of their vaccinations to the University during their first year.

• Vaccinations help prevent the spread of highly infectious diseases on campus and throughout our communities.

• Vaccinations are given routinely in most countries from the time you are born and continue throughout adolescence and adulthood.
Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

Who is required to submit vaccinations?

- All **NEW** students (domestic and international) are required to submit vaccinations for a specific list of diseases during their first year of attendance.

- Once the Vaccination Requirement is complete, it is not required again even after a leave of absence or a change of degree-levels.
Required Vaccinations for International Students:

- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (if younger than 22 years of age)
- Polio (if younger than 18 years of age)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Varicella

- Tuberculosis testing is also required for international students
Many vaccinations are given routinely starting in early childhood and continuing throughout adolescence. Please check your medical records to see if you have already received the required vaccinations.
Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

How to Submit Documentation

• All students must submit documentation of their vaccinations in order to satisfy the Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

• Have your doctor complete the official Ohio State Vaccination Requirement form, which can be found here.

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  - Add the necessary document and save

- **Complete Electronic Forms**
  - Select “My Forms” from top navigation bar
  - Answer questions in Vaccination Requirement – International Student form
  - Complete any additional electronic forms that are listed

**AND**
Missing one or more required vaccinations?

• It is highly recommended for students to receive all remaining vaccinations BEFORE their arrival to The Ohio State University

• If necessary, remaining vaccinations can be received at the Wilce Student Health Center during your first year
  • This will require an in-person visit to the Columbus campus student health center

• You can schedule an appointment for vaccinations online via My BuckMD or by calling 614-292-4321
Exemption Option

- There is an option to exempt from one or more of the required vaccinations
  - Requires either a medical reason, or personal/religious contradiction
- No consequence for exempting from a certain vaccine
- Requires a form to be completed
  - Must be signed by a medical provider or signed by a notary public
- **International students CANNOT exempt from the TB requirement**
- Please contact Health Information Services for more info
Tuberculosis Questions?

Please contact:

The Department of Preventive Medicine
Phone number: (614) 247-2387
Email: preventivemedicine@osu.edu
Vaccination Questions?

Please contact:

Health Information Services
Phone number: (614) 292-0118
Email: vaccination@osu.edu
Connect for questions

Immigration – iss@osu.edu
Orientation and transition – global-engagement@osu.edu
Housing – housing@osu.edu
TB Requirement - vaccination@osu.edu
Vaccination Requirement - preventivemedicine@osu.edu
COVID-19 – Visit https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/