1. Before departing

Check your BuckeyeMail account frequently and read pre-arrival emails from the Office of International Affairs (OIA).

☐ Immigration

☐ Download your I-20 or DS-2019 visa eligibility document and verify your BuckeyeMail
☐ Pay your I-901 SEVIS fee at FMJfee.com
☐ Schedule your visa appointment with the nearest U.S. Consulate or embassy to apply for a visa (Canadian citizens do not need a U.S. visa)
☐ Plan to arrive early – we recommend arriving 2-3 weeks before classes start on August 23
  ☐ F-1 and J-1 visa students cannot arrive more than 30 days before the first day of class
☐ Transfer students only: Complete the SEVIS transfer process if you are transferring from another U.S. school

☐ Mandatory immigration check-in, orientation and class registration

☐ Schedule your Mandatory Immigration Check-In – go.osu.edu/ImmigrationCheckIn
☐ Complete the virtual and in-person components of Mandatory International Student Orientation – go.osu.edu/OIA-Orientation
  ☐ Complete the required virtual component by the start your in-person orientation through Carmen Canvas – you will be automatically enrolled on July 18
  ☐ Your Mandatory Immigration Check-in appointment will determine your in-person orientation date(s)

☐ Take placement tests online in ESL and/or math, if required
☐ Register for classes – if your academic advisor does not email your BuckeyeMail by July 18, contact global-engagement@osu.edu
☐ Meet your advisor during in-person orientation and review your academic schedule

☐ Housing, vaccinations and insurance

☐ Find early-arrival and permanent housing – Need help looking? Contact housing@osu.edu for on-campus housing or to arrange for early move-in for your residence hall, or contact offcampus@osu.edu for off-campus housing
☐ Complete your vaccination requirement – go.osu.edu/RequiredVaccinations
☐ Purchase interim student health insurance available through Ohio State’s Student Health Insurance Health Program if you will arrive in the United States before August 23 – shi.osu.edu
☐ Review your Statement of Account and pay tuition by the second Friday of the semester

☐ Travel

☐ Make flight arrangements to Columbus, Ohio – John Glenn International Airport (CMH)
☐ Request a free Lyft code to use for transportation from the airport to your campus residence by emailing global-engagement@osu.edu – codes available for request starting July 1
☐ Review COVID-19 regulations for the United States and your airline carrier before departure
2. **Arriving in Columbus**
   - Visit the Ohio State Welcome Booth at the Columbus airport located by baggage claim carousels #4 and #5 – learn about welcome events and get assistance using your Lyft code for transportation to campus
   - Arrive at your residence hall, off-campus apartment or temporary accommodation
   - Explore Columbus and learn about important resources around Ohio State with orientation events – [go.osu.edu/OIAOrientationEvents](go.osu.edu/OIAOrientationEvents) and your virtual orientation calendar

3. **Starting your Buckeye journey**
   - Attend your scheduled mandatory Immigration Check-in appointment with OIA – [go.osu.edu/ImmigrationCheckIn](go.osu.edu/ImmigrationCheckIn)
   - View important resources for international students, including where to find academic support, how to open a bank account and more – [go.osu.edu/LifeAtOhioState](go.osu.edu/LifeAtOhioState)
   - Obtain your BuckID – you will receive an email with instructions to your BuckeyeMail account
   - Review the assigned orientation program that you completed in Carmen Canvas to refresh your memory on registering for classes, paying tuition and fees, transferring academic credit (if applicable), cultural adjustment and academic expectations
   - Attend meetings, orientations and scheduling appointments required by your specific college/department

4. **Completing university COVID-19 requirements**
   - Receive your required COVID-19 vaccine
     - Make an appointment online – [go.osu.edu/COVID-19-Vaccine-Stations](go.osu.edu/COVID-19-Vaccine-Stations)
   - Set up MyChart account upon arrival – [mychart.osu.edu](mychart.osu.edu)
     - If you do not have a Social Security Number, call 1-614-366-6975 and press 3 to set up an account
   - Log in to My BuckMD to report your COVID-19 vaccination information – [go.osu.edu/MyBuckMD](go.osu.edu/MyBuckMD)
   - Monitor Safe and Healthy Buckeyes for the university’s most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 – [safeandhealthy.osu.edu](safeandhealthy.osu.edu)

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**Getting help and resources**

To help you understand which university offices are available to help, we highlighted their main responsibilities and contact information at [go.osu.edu/UniversityResources](go.osu.edu/UniversityResources)