INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECK LIST

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 if you haven't already (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)
- ☐ **Transfer students only:** Complete the SEVIS transfer process if you are transferring from another U.S. school

CHECK-IN AND ORIENTATION

- ☐ Make plans to complete Immigration Check-In and International Student Orientation
  - ☐ Schedule your Mandatory Immigration Check-In with OIA – go.osu.edu/mandatory-int-stu-check-in-appt
  - ☐ Complete the Mandatory OIA International Student Virtual Orientation through Carmen Canvas (you will be automatically enrolled on July 21)
- ☐ Plan to arrive early—we recommend arriving 2-3 weeks prior to classes
  - F-1 or J-1 visa students cannot arrive more than 30 days prior to start of classes

HOUSING, VACCINATIONS AND PLACEMENT TESTING

- ☐ Decide arrangements for early-arrival and permanent housing
- ☐ Complete the Student Health Services International Student Vaccination Requirement – shs.osu.edu/services/vaccinations/vaccination-requirement
- ☐ Take placement test online in ESL and/or Math, if required

TRAVEL

- ☐ Make flight arrangements to Columbus, Ohio – John Glenn International Airport (CMH)
- ☐ 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 17
- ☐ Request a free Lyft code to use upon arrival for transportation from the airport to your campus residence by emailing global-engagement@osu.edu—codes available for request starting June 23
- ☐ Review COVID-19 regulations for the United States and for your airline carrier prior to departure
  - You may be required to have a negative test result prior to your departure and upon entering the United States

VISIT GO.OSU.EDU/PRE-ARRIVAL-SESSIONS

2 arriving in Columbus

- ☐ Visit the Ohio State Welcome Booth at the Columbus airport
  - While there, 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
  - If you have questions about on-campus housing, contact housing@osu.edu
- ☐ Download OIA's event app to explore fun events and view important resources and information to plan and enhance your orientation experience – go.osu.edu/globalevents

3 starting your Buckeye journey

- ☐ Receive and review welcome packet of resources and learn more about:
  - Obtaining your BuckID (student ID)
  - Opening a bank account
  - Purchasing a mobile telephone service
- ☐ Schedule an appointment to obtain your BuckID (student ID)
- ☐ Review the assigned orientation program that you completed in Carmen Canvas to refresh your memory on registering for classes, paying for 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
- ☐ Attend your scheduled mandatory Immigration Check-In appointment with OIA. Prepare the following documents in advance of your appointment:
  - ☐ Complete your Student Record eForm in advance at go.osu.edu/newintstucheckin
  - ☐ Download and print your I-94 entry card from i94.cbp.dhs.gov
  - ☐ Compile required immigration forms in advance of appointment including:
    - Current Passport
    - Current U.S. Visa
    - I-94 card
    - Ohio State Form I-20 or Form DS-2019
    - Form I-20(s) or Form DS-2019(s) of your dependents (spouse and children), if applicable
- ☐ Complete your staggered on-Campus move-in, starting August 16, based on your assigned date and time

4 COVID-19 requirements upon arriving at Ohio State

- ☐ Review and complete the Safe and Healthy Buckeyes Student Training, then sign the Together as Buckeyes Pledge
  - The 10-minute training is now available through BuckeyeLearn, and the pledge must be signed upon completion of the course
- ☐ Set up MyChart account upon arrival
  - If you do not have a Social Security Number, call 1-614-366-6975 and press 3 to set up an account
- ☐ Enroll in the Student COVID-19 Testing Program that you qualify for – go.osu.edu/student-testing-program
- ☐ On-campus or off-campus student requirements
  - Vaccinated or Unvaccinated student requirements
  - Download Ohio State Mobile App from iOS or Android store – www.osu.edu/downloads/apps
- ☐ Monitor and complete your daily health checks through the Ohio State Mobile App
- ☐ Consider scheduling voluntary COVID-19 vaccination (if applicable) as an active student, starting August 24

GETTING HELP AND RESOURCES

To help you understand which university offices are available to help, we have highlighted their main responsibilities and contact information.

Office of International Affairs – International Students

- Facilitates the arrival, integration, engagement and success of international students including managing immigration issues and regulatory compliance
- Contact iss@osu.edu with questions

Office of Student Academic Success – Academic Advising

- Guides and champions the successful recruitment, enrollment, retention and graduation of all Ohio State students
- Contact peltier.15@osu.edu with questions

Office of Distance Education and eLearning

- Provides students on and off campus with an enriched educational experience
- Contact the IT Service Desk for technology questions
  - Phone: 614-688-4357 (HELP)
  - Email: servicedesk@osu.edu

University Housing

- Works to accommodate the needs of students while they live on campus
- Contact housing@osu.edu with questions

Advocacy Center

- Helps students navigate Ohio State's structure and resolve issues that they encounter at the university
- Contact advocacy@osu.edu with questions

Disability Services

- Collaborates with and empowers students who have disabilities in order to design accessible environments and to provide academic accommodations and support services
- Contact slds@osu.edu with questions

Office of Institutional Equity

- Helps the Ohio State community prevent and respond to all forms of harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct
- Contact equity@osu.edu with questions

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