Welcome to Pre-Departure Orientation
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Meet our Team!
Activity: What do you already know? What do you hope to learn?

- On one side of the notecard write: Your top three perceptions of college life in America. How do you think it will be different from college in China?

- On the other side of the notecard write: The top questions you hope to get answered during today’s orientation. What do you want to learn today?
Perceptions of social life

• More freedom, creativity, independence
• American students party a lot
• Variety of extracurricular activities
• Diversity of student body
• Sports. Sports. Sports.
• Students are friendly
Perceptions of academics

- Strong and competitive academic programs
- Classes will be challenging
- It will be difficult to focus on studying
- Excellent professors
Perceptions of living on campus

- Poor quality of food
- Gaining weight, finding exercise facilities
- Campus is beautiful
- Students and professors are friendly
- Ohio State is large, size of the university
Common Questions

• Academics
  – How do I change my major?
  – What are course requirements?
  – How much do I need to study?

• Living on campus
  – What are the residence halls like?
  – Where can I get good Chinese food?
  – What is the weather like?

• Social Life
  – How do I get involved in clubs and organizations?
  – How do I make friends with American students?
Topics we will cover today…

• Academic expectations
• Cultural norms and interacting with Americans
• Campus events and getting involved
• Preparing for fall semester classes
• Student panel about their experiences