Student Health Services

• The American medical system is not government-run
  – Student insurance helps to cover part of all of the cost of hospital stays, as well as some prescription medications
  – Information on purchasing student health insurance can be found at shs.osu.edu

• Non-prescription medications (like Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.) should be purchased from local pharmacies, and are not usually covered by student health insurance

• The medical records of students 18 years or older are private, and are not released to others without the consent of the student
Student Health Services

- On campus medical services available through Ohio State’s Wilce Student Health Services office:
  - Primary care
  - Optometry (vision screening, eye glasses and contacts)
  - Dental care (teeth cleaning, cavity filling, braces)
  - Sports medicine and physical therapy
  - Preventative medicine
  - Gynecology
  - Allergy evaluation and treatment
  - Website address: shs.osu.edu Phone: 614-292-4321
Student Health Services

- The Recreational and Physical Activity Center (RPAC) is a wonderful resource for maintaining a healthy lifestyle during your academic career.
- Exercise & Diet
- Wellness courses
- Recreation Facilities
Student Health Insurance

- Mandatory for all students
- Coverage for fall semester begins August 20th 2014
  - It is highly recommended to purchase interim insurance prior to arrival
- Insurance benefits include:
  - access to physician visits
  - medication coverage
  - many other resources
- Students must complete a health check prior to arriving in the United States
- Specific dates and information for purchasing health insurance can be found at shi.osu.edu
Emergency information

• The emergency response phone number in the United States is 911

• When to call 911
  – major illness
  – serious injury
  – physical threat
  – emergency situation - accident
Emergency information

- There is also a blue light service on campus that students can use in case of an emergency
Emergency Information

• Weather Emergency or Security Threat
  – Evacuation Drills
  – Fire
  – Tornado/Severe Weather
  – Public Safety Warnings

• Receiving Alerts
  – Department of Public Safety Posted in campus buildings and residence halls
Student Record Form

Student Information
Last Name: ______________________________________ First Name: ______________________________________
(SEVIS ID#: N000) Date of Birth: __________ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Local U.S. Address
You MUST provide your temporary or permanent Columbus address upon arrival, as this is required for the Department of Homeland Security’s SEVIS registration.
Address: ______________________________________ Apartment Number: _____________________________
City: ______________________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: __________ Phone: _____________________________
Ohio State Email: _____________________________ Other Email: _____________________________

Emergency Contact Information and Permission
In the event of an emergency during the time that I am at The Ohio State University, I give permission to representatives of the Office of International Affairs to notify the named persons of my whereabouts and/or my condition:

1. Outside of the U.S.
Name of Contact: _____________________________ Relationship To You: _____________________________
Address: ______________________________________ State/Province: _____________________________
City: ______________________________________ Country: _____________________________
Zip Code: __________ Phone: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________

2. In the U.S. (if available)
Name of Contact: _____________________________ Relationship To You: _____________________________
Address: ______________________________________ (Apartment Number: _____________________________
City: ______________________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: __________ Phone: _____________________________
Phone: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________

Student’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Office Use Only
Documents Copied: _____________________________ Data Entered: _____________________________ File Reviewed: _____________________________
Orientation Leader: _____________________________ Orientation Leader: _____________________________ Immigration Coordinator: _____________________________
Date (mm/dd/yy): __________ Comments: _____________________________
Personal safety

- Campus traffic is congested
- Watch for cars
- Cross street in the crosswalk
- Look for STOP signs
- Students should travel in pairs or in groups, especially in the evening
- There is a late night campus Student Safety/Escort Service available to all students
University Status

Campus Status

OSU Columbus campus is OPEN and operating under normal conditions.

OSU ATI / OSU OARDC in Wooster - is OPEN and operating under normal conditions.

OSU Mansfield - is OPEN and operating under normal conditions

OSU Newark - is OPEN and operating under normal conditions

OSU Lima - is OPEN and operating under normal conditions

OSU Marion - is OPEN and operating under normal conditions

Bookmark this page! During an emergency, Ohio State University Emergency Management will post the most recent information here. Also, program our recorded 24/7 information line into your phone! 614-247-7777
Personal safety

- Protect Yourself and Your Property - Keep the following safety tips in mind:
  - Be Aware
  - Don't be an easy target - Walk confidently and with purpose
  - Be Unflashy - Be inconspicuous with your new gadgets and expensive gifts
Personal safety

- Choose Your Safety Over Your Device
- Secure doors and windows
- Trust your instincts
- Report suspicious activity to OSUPD at 614-292-2121
- Use university resources like Student Safety Services and CABS
Personal safety

• Protect yourself! You are treated as a vehicle and must obey all traffic laws

• Bicycle helmets and pads should be worn whenever possible
Basic Laws

• Ohio State University is a tobacco free campus

• Tobacco use (smoking cigarettes or cigars) is NOT ALLOWED indoors throughout the entire state of Ohio

• The legal drinking age of alcohol in the United States is 21

• Carrying firearms/guns of any kind on campus is prohibited except for police and military officers

• All students are responsible for their actions as it relates to the Ohio State Student Code of Conduct as well as state and national laws.
Crime and Safety

• Do not leave personal belongings unattended
• There are stereotypes about some types of individuals being more likely to steal or commit crimes than others
• Students who are robbed or are the victim of a break-in, mugging or other form of violence should contact the police by calling 911
• If students have been affected by crimes of a sexual nature, they should contact the police by calling 911
Pre-Departure Orientation

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