

# I'm Admitted. **NOW WHAT?**

Summer After  
Senior Year

 MAY 1  
**Acceptance  
Fees Due**

 JUNE- AUGUST  
**Attend  
Orientation**

 JULY  
**Receive  
Housing  
Assignment**

 AUGUST 21  
**First Day  
of Classes**

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**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

## FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT 101

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is orientation?**  
Orientation is a program of introduction for incoming students. It is held prior to the beginning of each term and is required for all students. During orientation you will complete necessary placement testing, attend an academic planning and advising session, schedule classes and learn about campus resources.
- 2. Can I double major?**  
Yes. With careful planning, you can successfully double major. Be sure to speak to your advisor early in the process.
- 3. Can I change my major?**  
Yes. It is not uncommon for students to change their majors, particularly during their freshman and sophomore years.
- 4. How will I pay for everything?**  
A variety of need- and merit-based financial aid options, as well as student loans, are available. You might also consider a part-time job or the federal work-study program. Visit [go.osu.edu/ASCfunding](http://go.osu.edu/ASCfunding) for additional information.
- 5. What if I need a part-time job?**  
If you're looking for a job on campus, visit [sfa.osu.edu/jobs](http://sfa.osu.edu/jobs).
- 6. How do I know if I'm eligible for Federal Work-Study jobs?**  
Federal Work-Study is a form of federal financial aid. Eligibility is determined when you file the FAFSA each year. Once awarded, you must accept Federal Work-Study from the Award Summary in your Student Center.
- 7. How many courses should I take each semester?**  
It depends on the difficulty of the courses. You'll need to take at least 12 hours to be considered a full-time student. In order to take more than 18 credit hours, you must petition the university and pay an additional fee. Keep in mind that 15 credit hours per semester will keep you on track to graduate in four years.
- 8. What should I do if I need help with a class?**  
A variety of tutoring options and academic support services are available on campus, including the Younkin Success Center, the Dennis Learning Center, the Math & Statistics Learning Center and the Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing.
- 9. Is it okay to go to my professors with questions?**  
Yes. Your instructors will have open office hours and students are encouraged to visit with questions and receive individual feedback.
- 10. Is there support available for first-generation students?**  
Yes. The First Generation Student Organization is a resource available to you. Connecting with this community can be helpful, especially when discussing the unique experiences and challenges that many first-generation students face.



# GLOSSARY

## KEY TERMS

**Audit** - To attend class without receiving official credit.

**Award Letter** - A document that outlines how much financial aid you will receive.

**Cost of Attendance (COA)** - The estimated total cost to attend the university, including tuition, fees, room and board.

**Course Load** - The number of classes or credit hours taken each semester.

**Credit Hour** - A unit measuring the educational credit of a class, usually based on classroom hours per week.

**Double Major** - A single degree with two majors leading to a single diploma with both majors noted on transcripts.

**Drop** - To formally discontinue a class during a designated time so that the class will not appear on your official transcripts.

**Dual Degree** - Two degrees leading to the award of two diplomas with both degrees designated separately on transcripts.

**Elective** - An optional course not required for a degree.

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** - The amount of money a family can be expected to provide towards one year of college, based on FAFSA data.

**FAFSA** - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid from the U.S. Department of Education.

**Federal Pell Grant** - A grant issued by the Federal Government based on a high level of financial need.

**Federal Work Study** - Part-time jobs funded by the Federal Government for students with financial need.

**Full-Time** - Enrollment in at least 12 credit hours a semester.

**General Education Requirements** - Required courses designed to introduce students to core academic areas.

**Grant** - A sum of money given that does not need to be repaid.

**Hold** - A red flag in the system which will prevent you from registering for classes.

**Internship** - An opportunity for students to work at a firm, business or agency for a fixed period of time with or without pay.

**Major** - Primary field of academic focus.

**Minor** - Secondary field of academic focus.

**Placement Test** - A series of tests used to gauge your ability level in subjects such as English, math and foreign languages.

**Prerequisite** - A specific condition for enrollment that a student must meet prior to starting a course.

**Semester** - Half of the academic year (usually lasting 15-18 weeks).

**Subsidized Loan** - A loan in which the Federal Government pays interest during periods of deferment.

**Unsubsidized Loan** - A loan in which interest accrues from the date the loan is issued.

**Waitlist** - A list of applicants who are admitted to the university if space becomes available in the incoming class.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

**Access to Education**  
[osu.edu/access](http://osu.edu/access)

**First Generation Student Association**  
[facebook.com/OSUFirstGen](https://facebook.com/OSUFirstGen)

**Counseling and Consultation Services**  
[ccs.ohio-state.edu](http://ccs.ohio-state.edu)

**Buckeyes First**  
[fye.osu.edu/buckeyesfirst.html](http://fye.osu.edu/buckeyesfirst.html)

**The Student Advocacy Center**  
[advocacy.osu.edu](http://advocacy.osu.edu)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Khan Academy**  
[khanacademy.org/college-admissions](http://khanacademy.org/college-admissions)

**First in the Family**  
[firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Introduction.html](http://firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Introduction.html)

