Graduate and Professional Student Living Guide

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
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- Central Heating & Cooling
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- Pet-Friendly
- On-Site Parking
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- 2 Elite Fitness Facilities
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- Pet-Friendly
- Outdoor Fire Pits & BBQ Grills
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Introduction
Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement

Whether you’re looking for housing, want to see what property owners are in-network or need free personal or home safety devices, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement is here to support you.

Our mission is to serve off-campus and commuter students by collaborating with stakeholders and providing opportunities to foster involvement, civic engagement and student success to help students engage, learn and thrive.

STOP BY OUR OFFICE:

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Our Resources

The best place to start your rental search is right here at Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement!

**Housing Search**
A tool to explore a wide variety of housing options

**The Ohio State University Off-Campus Housing Network**
Committed to helping students make informed decisions about who they want to rent from and where they want to live off campus.

**Roommate and Sublet Search**
Ads to match compatible roommates

**Commuter Resources**
Refrigerators, microwaves, cabinets and space to store belongings in the Ohio Union

**USG Renter’s Guide**
Student feedback on area property managers
Columbus Neighborhoods
Neighborhood Traits

The following icons represent traits of each neighborhood featured in this guide. For even more information on the neighborhoods of Columbus, visit Experience Columbus.
University District

NEIGHBORHOOD
Young, vibrant community which surrounds the Ohio State campus area. Many Ohio State students choose to live and enjoy in the University District, Columbus’ most densely populated neighborhood.

LOCAL CULTURE
Gateway Film Center, Newport Music Hall, Wexner Center for the Arts and a plethora of restaurant options are available within close distance of the Ohio Union.

COMMUTE
Only a 5-minute walk from campus

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
Non-profit legal resource and representation for Ohio State students. Campus Commute: 4-minute walk.

Arena District

NEIGHBORHOOD
Named after Nationwide Arena this neighborhood has a lively sports culture, home to the Columbus Blue Jackets, Columbus Clippers and Columbus Crew with abundant nightlife and social hotspots in close proximity to downtown Columbus.

LOCAL CULTURE
Lively sports culture with various hockey and baseball-themed social scenes, nightlife and the North Market, Central Ohio’s historic public market since 1876, with unique gifts, fresh prepared foods and regional produce.

COMMUTE
9-minute drive
17-minute commute by bus/COTA
Brewery District

NEIGHBORHOOD
Historic neighborhood featuring restored architecture with German and Italian styling. Located just south of downtown Columbus, this neighborhood has experienced development of local businesses in a renewed effort to foster community.

LOCAL CULTURE
Theater and arts, immersive wineries, local artist showcases and the expansive Scioto Audobon Metro Park with hiking, fishing and dog parks.

COMMUTE
12-minute drive
35-minute commute by bus/COTA

Clintonville

NEIGHBORHOOD
Tightknit neighborhood with a family friendly atmosphere and regular community events. Clintonville is located directly north of Ohio State’s campus and is home to a wide variety of living options.

LOCAL CULTURE
Regular farmers’ markets are organized with neighborhood vendors in this area which emphasizes local business through cozy restaurants and shops.

COMMUTE
13-minute drive
20-minute by bus/COTA
Franklinton

**NEIGHBORHOOD**
Strong sense of community with a focus on inclusive events, locally-owned establishments to dine and study and an increasingly pedestrian-friendly landscape featuring gorgeous displays of nature and arts.

**LOCAL CULTURE**
Family-owned grocery markets, a monthly celebration of arts, science and community, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and the Franklin Park Adventure Center.

**COMMUTE**
9-minute drive
17-minute commute by bus/COTA

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German Village

**NEIGHBORHOOD**
Comfortable neighborhood known for charming brick homes, German culture and architecture, and eccentric local businesses and galleries.

**LOCAL CULTURE**
Coffee shops, public parks, dining and entertainment venues in a walkable setting just south of downtown Columbus.

**COMMUTE**
13-minute drive
33-minute by bus/COTA
Grandview

NEIGHBORHOOD
Suburb popular with families and young professionals, located southwest of Ohio State’s campus near the Wexner Medical Center.

LOCAL CULTURE
Home to family-friendly community events, popular restaurants, boutiques and a walkable downtown area.

COMMUTE
11-minute drive
22-minute by bus/COTA

King-Lincoln

NEIGHBORHOOD
A creative neighborhood with a variety of restaurants and entertainment, notable for its community efforts to preserve and celebrate African American history and culture.

LOCAL CULTURE
King Arts Complex, public libraries, parks and the beautifully restored King-Lincoln Theatre.

COMMUTE
10-minute drive
27-min by bus/COTA
Linden

**NEIGHBORHOOD**
Located northeast of The Ohio State University, Linden offers both mainstream and local options for entertainment and dining.

**LOCAL CULTURE**
Community recreation centers, public parks and a variety of residential options for Columbus community members.

**COMMUTE**
12-minute drive
27-minute by bus/COTA

Olde Towne East

**NEIGHBORHOOD**
Historic neighborhood with Italian, Victorian and Queen Anne style homes southeast of downtown Columbus in proximity to Nationwide Children's Hospital.

**LOCAL CULTURE**
Home to Olde Towne East Art District, local taverns, community recreation centers and parks.

**COMMUTE**
10-minute drive
30-minute by bus/COTA
Short North

NEIGHBORHOOD
A popular neighborhood for upscale dining, shopping and art, frequented by young professionals and tourists alike, located just south of The Ohio State University.

LOCAL CULTURE
Home to many of Columbus’ most popular restaurants, galleries, cafes and a lively nightlife.

COMMUTE
26-minute walk
7-minute drive
12-minute by bus/COTA

Victorian Village

NEIGHBORHOOD
Victorian-style neighborhood built with an appealingly urban and historic culture.

LOCAL CULTURE
The landmark Goodale and Thompson parks, local dining options and the Columbus Aquatic Center.

COMMUTE
28-minute walk
8-minute drive
10-minute by bus/COTA
Weinland Park

**NEIGHBORHOOD**
Modern neighborhood full of urban entertainment, local business and culture.

**LOCAL CULTURE**
Weinland Park, Schoenbaum Family Center, book shops and large amounts of dining options all within close proximity of campus.

**COMMUTE**
16-minute walk
3-minute drive
10-minute by bus/COTA
Join Our Team!

Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement is looking for dedicated students to build community for students who live off-campus and commute.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:
- Flexible schedules for breaks and finals
- Leadership and development opportunities
- Dynamic work schedule

Search for open positions on Handshake: handshake.osu.edu.

FISHER COMMONS

Be a part of this learning community of like-minded individuals and enjoy the quality and service Edwards Student Housing is known for, all within walking distance of campus!

- Great Location!
  Walk to Class in Minutes
- Lounge with Flat Screen TV's
- Group Study Area
- On-Site Parking
- Garages Available
- Washer & Dryer Included
- 24 Hr on-call Emergency Maintainence
- 9' Ceilings with elegant crown molding
- Wood finish floors
- Built-in Computer work stations with mail center*
- Frost free refrigerator with ice maker
- Self cleaning oven
- Built-in microwave
- Dishwasher
- Pantry*
- Spacious walk-in closets
- Energy efficient heating & cooling
- Handicapped adaptable
- Emergency panic alarms in each living room & bedroom

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Safety Resources
Safety Resources

As you are researching your next apartment or home, we encourage you to check out the Community Crime Map to make an informed decision about the neighborhoods that make up Columbus.

Check out crime statistics at communitycrimemap.com.

Schedule a date and time to pick up complimentary safety devices from the Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement office in 3106 Ohio Union.
Rental Timeline and Tips
Action Steps for Your Housing Search

As a graduate or professional student, not only are you taking an important step in your career, but you are also becoming a part of a new community. Creating a personal timeline and checklist of important tasks will support you as you choose the best home and neighborhood for you.

FEBRUARY – JULY
Congratulations! You have accepted the offer to attend The Ohio State University.

YOU HAVE THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO RESEARCH YOUR HOUSING OPTIONS.

- Create a list of your wants and needs in a home and neighborhood.
- Browse Ohio State’s housing search.
- Search for potential roommates from other graduate and professional programs.
- Ask current graduate students about their process – their neighborhood, their property manager and their overall experience.
- Research Columbus neighborhoods to find a neighborhood that fits your needs.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask property managers when visiting properties.
- Contact property managers directly to set up visits. If you are not in the area, you may ask a current student to visit on your behalf.
JULY – AUGUST
It’s time to move into your new home. Consider taking the following steps to ensure a comfortable move.

- Protect your security deposit! Document the condition of the property - take pictures and videos. Retain a copy - you can even provide a copy to your property owner. At the end of the lease term, you’ll do the same thing again (document the condition of the property).
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Contact your property manager to replace any expired batteries or detectors.
- Schedule a lease review with Student Legal Services.
- Set up your utilities accounts (electric, gas, internet, etc.)
- Introduce yourself to your neighbors.

AFTER AUGUST
You’re now a member of the Columbus community! Check out the rest of the guide to learn more about how you can have a safe, positive experience as a graduate or professional student at The Ohio State University.
Columbus Living

Being a member of the Columbus community means being engaged with not only your Ohio State network, but also with your neighborhood. Below are a few ways:

**CBUS311**
The [Cbus311 App](https://cbus311.com) provides access to city resources including ParkColumbus, service center submissions, trash and recycling notifications and much more.

**COTA**
All Ohio State students are eligible to ride COTA using their BuckID. Download the [Transit App](https://cota.com) for realtime bus tracking.

**COLUMBUS NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING MAPS**
The City of Columbus offers [maps](https://columbusohio.gov) to help you identify where to walk in your neighborhood.

**CITY PARKING**
The City of Columbus offers permit [parking zones](https://columbusohio.gov) to prioritize neighborhood parking.
Tips for First Time Renters

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEASE AGREEMENT
The lease agreement is a legal contract between the tenant and the landlord. Completing a lease review with Student Legal Services will outline the rights and responsibilities of the tenant and landlord.

TRACKING DAMAGES
Your landlord collects a security deposit to pay for any unpaid rent or damages to the property during the lease term. To ensure that you are not charged for damages you did not cause, take photos and video of the property when you move in. Complete the move-in checklist provided by Student Legal Services. Communicate damages to your property manager so they can repair them.

PAYING RENT
Property management companies will typically require you to pay your rent and fees using a check or through online payment. You should not pay your property manager in cash because there will not be a record of your payment. You must pay your rent on time and in full each month.

Late payment can result in additional fees or even eviction from the property.

ROOMMATES
Communicating expectations with your roommate(s) at the beginning of your lease term can prevent misunderstandings in the future. Check out Student Legal Services’ Roommate Agreement Template.

BUDGETING
When budgeting, consider costs aside from rent, such as the security deposit, parking fees, utility costs and furniture. Make a free appointment with a financial coach at Scarlet and Gray Financial.
THE LAWYERS FOR STUDENTS

call or text 614.247.5853

off-campus housing • lease reviews
wills & power of attorney • name change
criminal misdemeanors • traffic citations
Immigration • employment • identity theft
consumer • contracts • document review
credit/debt • insurance • dissolutions
victim assistance • notary & much more

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
studentlegal.osu.edu
Partnered and Family Living
Childcare

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
CHILD CARE PROGRAM
Infants through kindergarteners

Two Locations:
Ackerman Road (725 Ackerman Rd.)
Buckeye Village (2724 Defiance Dr.)

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
STUDENT PARENT RESOURCES

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion provides a number of resources to ensure that students who are parents have access to an Ohio State education.

THE CHILD CARE ACCESS MEANS PARENTS IN SCHOOL (CCAMPIS) PROGRAM

CCAMPIS supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of quality licensed, nationally accredited campus or community childcare services for children six weeks to 12 years old.

CCAMPIS provides you with priority scheduling for childcare so you can balance classes and studying with being a full-time parent.
Parks and Pets

PARKS
- Whetstone Park of Roses
- Scioto Audubon Metro Park
- Quarry Trails Metro Park
- Goodale Park
  And more!

PETS AND PET ADOPTION
City of Columbus provides resources for adopting and licensing pets.

PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING
Some property managers choose to allow pets, but typically require a nonrefundable pet deposit and a monthly pet fee.

Some pet-friendly housing will have breed restrictions for certain dogs that will be stated in the lease agreement.

SERVICE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS
For questions about living with service animals or emotional support animals in Columbus, check out the following resources:

- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Disability Services
- Student Legal Services
- ADA Coordinator’s Office
Transportation

CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA)
Provides bus service through the Greater Columbus area seven days a week.

CBUS
Restaurants and shops in the hottest Columbus neighborhoods are accessible via CBUS, COTA's free circulating service.

THE CAMPUS AREA BUS SERVICE (CABS)
Free transit service provided by The Ohio State University Transportation and Traffic Management.

COGO BIKE SHARE
600+ bikes are available across Columbus in this public transportation system featuring over 70 stations and 24-hour daily availability.

SCOOTERS
Electric scooters are available for use by pedestrians with mobile app support, providing dock-free mobility that can be found on The Ohio State University's campus or in downtown Columbus.

CAMPUSPARC
CampusParc operates The Ohio State University's parking system, including management of the permit system, parking enforcement, customer service, motorist assistance, event parking management and parking facility maintenance, including major renovations.

LYFT RIDE SMART
Lyft Ride Smart at Ohio State offers eligible students discounted rides, inside the university-designated service area.

CITY PARKING
Large portions of the Columbus city parking can be accessed and paid for using the ParkColumbus mobile app, available for free on all major platforms.
Graduate Student Bucket List
Get To Know Columbus

There is so much to do and explore in Columbus. Here’s a bucket list of fun activities to do before you graduate:

- Attend an Ohio State athletics event. Go Buckeyes!
- Visit and eat at the North Market
- Complete the Columbus Coffee Experience and get a free t-shirt or mug
- Visit the Short North Arts District and explore local businesses
- Attend a festival at Bicentennial Park
- Check out Scioto Mile on the riverfront
- Attend a film festival at Gateway Film Center
- See a concert at Schottenstein Center
- Check out Columbus Sports: attend a Clippers, Crew or Blue Jackets game
- Visit Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- See a show at the Ohio Theater

Check local listings for availability and hours.

- Be sure to stop by the D-Tix counter to pick up discounted tickets for concerts and other exciting events happening in Columbus! Visit their Twitter page @D TicOSU to keep an eye out for these opportunities.
- Add your own list items!
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