WELCOME TO THE COMMUTER GUIDE

So you’re a commuter student, now what? This guide will show you the ins and outs of how to successfully navigate through college as a commuter student. Student Life’s Willie J. Young, Sr. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement is here to help support you and create the extraordinary student experience!

BUCKEYE TIP

Keep a look out throughout the guide to find more Buckeye traditions and tips!
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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
studentlegal.osu.edu
BUCKEYE TRADITIONS

The Ohio State University is full of rich traditions and bucket list items to complete before graduation. From singing Carmen Ohio and watching the band perform Script Ohio to rubbing the Thompson statue head in the library and spending time with friends on the Oval, there are plenty of traditions to fulfill!

BUCKEYE TIP

Buckeye Tradition:
Brutus Buckeye has been the face of The Ohio State University for over 50 years!

Find Brutus on campus and snap a pic with the spirited mascot to kick off your bucket list!

Check out the The Ohio State Bucket List and enter to win prizes.
SECTION 1

Resources For You
RESOURCES FOR YOU

Willie J. Young, Sr. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement (OCCSE) is here to support you! Stop by our office or keep up with us using the information below:

Willie J. Young, Sr.
Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement
3106 Ohio Union
1739 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43210

Hours: Monday–Friday | 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Phone: 614-292-0100
Email: offcampus@osu.edu
Website: offcampus.osu.edu

Stay connected with OCCSE commuter news and events through social media!

Facebook: Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement
Instagram: offcampus_osu
Twitter: offcampus_osu
OUR VISION

Student Life's Willie J. Young, Sr. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement’s vision is to improve the quality of life for off-campus and commuter students through education and empowerment and to continually build and strengthen university and community relationships.
THE COMMUTER MENTORING PROGRAM

Through our office, you will be paired with a mentor to help you navigate campus life. This is an excellent way to connect with current students at The Ohio State University and get personalized help!

Mentors give one-on-one assistance and provide you with the following:

- Opportunities and resources on campus
- Fairs and events for commuter students
- Important news and announcements
- A sense of community
- Advocacy on your behalf

BUCKEYE TIP

Looking for a peaceful place to meet with your mentor? Check out Mirror Lake and the Mirror Lake Eatery on south campus!
DON'T KNOW IF THE MENTORING PROGRAM IS FOR YOU?

Commuter Mentors will...

- **SHARE** tips on commuting to campus
- **ADVOCATE** for you on campus
- **CONNECT** you with other commuter and transfer students
- **CONDUCT** one-on-one time to answer questions and reflect
- **HELP** you find career opportunities
- **ATTEND** the first meeting of a student organization with you

Sign up for the mentoring program on our website at [go.osu.edu/commutermentoring](http://go.osu.edu/commutermentoring).
RESOURCES FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS IN THE OHIO UNION

- **Commuter walk-in hours** at our office (3106 Ohio Union) from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., M–F
- **Semester-long locker access** is available on a first come, first serve basis starting at 8 a.m. on the Monday before classes
- **Commuter Kitchen** with fridges and microwaves if you decide to pack a meal
- **Commuter Lounge** to take a peaceful break if you have a long day on campus

BUCKEYE TIP

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 (@DTixOSU) to keep an eye out for these opportunities.
**KEITH B. KEY CENTER FOR LEARNING**
Cozy area with access to the resource room

**CONNECTING GROUNDS**
Your go-to coffee shop and convenience store on North Campus

**ORTON HALL**
Geological museum (that is home to a life-size dinosaur skeleton replica)

**KNOWLTON HALL, GARDEN ROOFTOP**
Private outdoor area in the architectural school with a view of North campus

**SIGMA PHI EPSILON LOUNGE (COMMUTER LOUNGE)**
Private location in the Ohio Union, great for studying

**THOMPSON LIBRARY, 11TH FLOOR**
Quiet location with a great view overlooking the oval

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**Study Spots**

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SECTION 2

Getting Around Campus
GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Bicycle or Car

- Prevent theft and be sure to Bug Your Bike. Info at: columbus.gov/bugyourbike
- Perform regular maintenance on your bike to keep it working properly
- Bring a bike lock to keep your bike secure
- Purchase your parking permits at: osu.campusparc.com

Off-Peak Parking Hours:
To promote safety, some on-campus parking restrictions are reduced after 4 p.m. on weekdays, all day on weekends and on holidays to encourage customers to use the nearby parking lots. Check osu.campusparc.com for more info on these specific times.

BUCKEYE TIP
As you commute onto campus during Michigan Week, keep a look out for the M’s crossed out on every building and sign on campus!
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BACKPACK CHECKLIST

- Computer/tablet
- Pencil bag with pens/pencils
- Notebooks and planner
- Phone charger
- Headphones
- BuckID
- Lip balm
- Deodorant
- Snacks
- Water
- Umbrella
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra mask
BUCKEYE TIP

Be sure to avoid leaving valuables in your car by bringing them with you throughout the day.
**CABS**
- FREE Transit through CABS provides you with safe, reliable and clean transportation around campus.
- Download the Ohio State University App to track the buses in real time!

**COTA**
- Explore the greater Columbus area using your BuckID! Fees to ride the COTA are automatically included in tuition.
- Download the Transit App to track the COTA bus routes!
ADAPTIVE TRANSPORTATION

CABS Paratransit
  • Door-to-door adapted transportation whether you’re on or off campus
  • All faculty, staff and students with an injury or medical condition restricting mobility are eligible for adapted transportation services. If you are in need of this resource, contact the department at 614-292-6202, or go to their website at: ttm.osu.edu/paratransit

COTA Project Mainstream
  • Adaptive transportation through the city of Columbus and COTA
  • COTA Mainstream is a shared-ride public transportation service providing origin-to-destination transportation for people whose functional limitations prevent them from riding COTA’s fixed-route buses for some or all of their trips. For more information, visit go.osu.edu/COTAMainstream

ADA Accessible Parking
  • For additional resources on parking permits and where to park, visit: go.osu.edu/ADA
The Department of Public Safety has many programs specifically designed to keep commuters safe. Utilize the **Lyft Ride Smart** program for discounted rides inside the university-designated service area from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Check out their website for more information: [dps.osu.edu](http://dps.osu.edu)

Off-Campus & Commuter Student Engagement also has **complimentary safety devices** available year round in our office for your home. Stop by to pick up yours today!
SECTION 3

Getting Involved
WHICH STUDENT ORGANIZATION IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

START

Are you competitive?

No

Would you use this as a resumé builder, or a time to relax?

Resumé builder

Time to relax

Yes

Do you have a lot of free time?

Yes

No
Looking to get more involved in your community?

Yes

Beyoncé

No

Who is your idol?

LeBron

Wanting to get more involved in your major?

Yes

SERVICE

SOCIAL

SPORTS

ACADEMIC
GETTING INVOLVED

There are 1,400+ organizations to pick from when deciding what you want to get involved in! Whether a club is focused on academics, volunteering or sports, any way you decide to get involved guarantees a more complete Ohio State experience.

Student Organizations: activities.osu.edu/involvement/student_organizations

Campus Events: activities.osu.edu/programs/signature_events

Major events to help you get acclimated:

• Welcome Week
• Involvement Fairs in August and January (A great place to learn about what Ohio State offers)
• University-wide and degree specific career fairs

Looking to get involved but not sure where to begin? Wanting to take a different path on your involvement journey? Schedule a Get Involved Consultation with a Student Org Success Coach! Following a brief consultation meeting, your Coach will provide personalized recommendations for student organizations and other campus involvement experiences based on your interests and aspirations.
ON-CAMPUS JOBS - WHY DO IT?

Make Money

Flexible, Convenient Student Positions

Meet New Friends

Shorten your commute by having your school and job in one place!

Student Life’s Career Counseling and Support Services, located in the Younkin Success Center, offers career counseling, mock interviews, resume review and career talks, all available by appointment. Visit: ccss.osu.edu

BUCKEYE TIP

Looking for a student job on campus? Check out the variety of employment opportunities open to thousands of students at go.osu.edu/slempl0yment.
Join Our Team!

Willie J. Young, Sr. 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

Check out the department’s open positions at: go.osu.edu/occsehiring.
SECTION 4
Car Maintenance
How to Change a Car Tire

**TOOLS NEEDED**
- Car Jack
- Tire Iron

**1. LOCATION**
Tools and spare tires are most often kept in the trunk under the carpet.

**2. JACK POINTS**
The four jacking points are located two to each side, outlined above.

**3. LOOSEN BOLTS**
Loosen by turning the iron counter clockwise, but do not fully remove.
4. RAISE CAR
Align the car jack under the car and twist to raise the car by turning clockwise. Refer to your car manual for jack placement.

5. REMOVE TIRE
Once the car tire is lifted, continue to unbolt the nuts and pull the tire off of its frame.

6. REPLACE TIRE
Put replacement tire on the car and secure with bolts to hold the tire in its place.

7. LOWER CAR
Lower the car jack slowly until the tire is safely back on the ground.

8. TIGHTEN
Tighten each of the bolts by turning the tire iron clockwise. You’re done!
REPLACE THE AIR FILTER
By replacing clogged air filters on older vehicles with carbureted engines, you can improve fuel economy and acceleration.

GET AN OIL CHANGE
This is one of the simplest services you can perform to improve your vehicle’s fuel economy.

CHECK THE LIGHTS
Regularly check to make sure no headlights, turn signals or brake lights are out of order, and repair immediately if they are.

WASH YOUR VEHICLE
Keeps the paint and wax on the car.

CHECK YOUR TIRES
Regularly check tire pressure to stay safe and prevent a flat tire.
IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Office of Student Life  
614-292-9334  
studentlife.osu.edu

CampusParc  
614-688-0000  
osu.campusparc.com

Transportation and Traffic Management  
614-292-RIDE  	ttm.osu.edu

Counseling and Consultation Services  
614-292-5766  
ccs.osu.edu

Suicide Prevention Hotline  
614-221-5445  
suicidepreventionservices.org

Ohio State University Suicide Prevention Program  
suicideprevention@osu.edu  
suicideprevention.osu.edu

Student Wellness Center  
614-292-4527  
swc.osu.edu

NON-EMERGENCY #'S:

Ohio State Police  
614-292-2121  
ps.ohio-state.edu/police

Columbus Police  
614-645-4545  
columbuspolice.org

Columbus Division of Fire  
614-221-3132  
columbus.gov/fire/

Student Advocacy Center  
614-292-1111  
advocacy.osu.edu

Student Legal Services  
614-247-5853  
studentlegal.osu.edu

Collegiate Recovery Community  
614-292-4527  
swc.osu.edu/services/collegiate-recovery-community
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