



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

FISHER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Fisher's Student Exchange Fact Sheet | Academic Year 2026 – 2027



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Important Information

Application Deadlines

2026 Autumn Semester: March 15, 2026
2027 Spring Semester: October 1, 2026

*You must be formally nominated by your home university to receive access to the application.

Business College Exchange Information and Online Application

<http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundExchange>

University overview, application instructions, eligibility, and FAQ available on this webpage.

Expected Arrival Date

In time to attend your registered immigration check-in session at OSU (vary per your registration date).

Immigration Check-In Sessions (Required)

Before OSU terms start. Sessions are offered from 1-3 weeks before the term start dates. You must reserve a spot online for the session.

<https://oia.osu.edu/international-students/new-student-check-and-orientation>

Fisher Orientation Sessions (Required)

2026 Autumn Semester: Aug 24, 2026
2027 Spring Semester: Jan 8, 2027

Student Fees Due

2026 Autumn Semester: Aug 18, 2026
2027 Spring Semester: Jan 4, 2027

Academic Semester Calendar

2026 Autumn: Aug 25 to Dec 20, 2026*
2027 Spring: Jan 11 to May 9, 2027*
*Dates include exams

*Detailed academic calendar can be found in the link below:<https://registrar.osu.edu/academic-calendar/academic-calendar-5-year-view-2023-2028/>

U.S. Visas

Incoming exchange students must apply for a J-1 visa at the U.S Embassy or Consulate of their country of permanent residence. Necessary documents will be provided to you for your U.S. visa application after you have completed your application to Fisher College of Business.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>

OR

<http://j1visa.state.gov/>

For immigration purposes, students **must** register for an Immigration Check-In Session with the OSU Office of International Affairs (OIA) upon arrival on campus and attend a university-wide orientation session. The Fisher College of Business orientation session is also **required**.

Cost of Living

Incoming exchange students are waived from the OSU tuition but are required to pay the student fees and mandatory OSU student insurance while attending OSU. This cost is approximately \$2200 per semester, including the mandatory OSU student health insurance (amount subject to change). You will also be responsible for your travel, visas, accommodations, meals, living, and other personal expenses during your stay in the U.S.

More information at <http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundFAQ>

Health Care and Insurance

[Student Health Insurance](http://shi.osu.edu/)

All international students are **required** to purchase the OSU Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan and will be automatically enrolled once approved to attend OSU. Should you have questions about the insurance, visit the webpage for more information, including coverage, cost, and deadlines.

Exceptions: International students who are fully financed or sponsored under a government sponsor, is covered under a US-based health insurance policy as a US-based employee or as a dependent of a US-based employee, or has permanent residency status (a green card), may qualify for an exemption from coverage. More detailed information at <https://shi.osu.edu/for-international-students>.

[Vaccinations:](http://shc.osu.edu/services/vaccinations/vaccination-requirement/) & <https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/vaccine>

OSU requires that all students meet our Vaccination Requirements on the links above. Please review OSU's Student Health Service webpage to ensure you have completed all required vaccinations to attend OSU. You may need to receive a signature from a licensed medical provider to complete the requirements, so would advise you to complete this before you arrive in the U.S.

[Student Health Center:](https://shs.osu.edu/)

The Wilce Student Health Center, Student Life Student Health Services (SLSHS), is a Joint Commission accredited outpatient facility providing a variety of health care services to the student population. All students enrolled at the university are eligible to use SLSHS.

Housing & Dining

Dining

University Dining Services have over 20 convenient locations on campus where students can use any of the dining plans. From quick service to fast casual to coffee shops to a full-service restaurant, there is a wide variety of appealing and nutritious cuisine available throughout the day.

OSU Dining Plan Rates*

Students can enroll in the OSU Dining Plans even if you are living off-campus. There are many plans for you to select from and it will cost approximately \$510 - \$2,800 per semester (amount subject to change).

*Actual rates will be posted to the OSU Dining website <http://food.osu.edu/dining-plans/>.

Off-campus Housing (<https://offcampus.osu.edu/>)

Be prepared to find off-campus accommodation independently when coming to OSU. Average rent around campus is about \$700-1400 per month (amount subject to change). The OSU Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services (+1 614-292-0100 or offcampus@osu.edu) can assist you in your search with the following resources:

- Off-campus housing search engine
- Roommate search engine
- Off-campus housing search guide/tips

Please check condition of lease and use pre-caution when committing to any housing, whether through an individual or a vendor, since you will be responsible to deal with any issue that may arise. OSU is unable to legally represent you should such situation arise, although you may get legal counseling at Student Legal Services (<https://studentlegal.osu.edu/>).

Other resources past exchange students have used are below:

- <https://oia.osu.edu/scholars/i-1-visiting-scholars/pre-arrival-checklist>
- <https://studentlegal.osu.edu/legal-issues/campus-housing>

Classes

Classes at the Ohio State University are graded A to E. One semester credit hour requires 750 contact minutes per credit hour. Most business courses are 3 credit hours (approximately 38 contact hours for undergraduate level courses, 42 contact hours for graduate level courses) if a full semester class; 1.5 credits (approximately 19 contact hours for undergraduate level courses, 21 contact hours for graduate level courses) if a 7-week half semester module; other courses at the university vary. 1000-4000 level courses are considered undergraduate, and above 5000 level courses are considered graduate courses. Students must meet class prerequisites for selected course to be enrolled in the class. More information is available on the FAQ section of our website:

<http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundFAQ>

Scroll down and open the "Course and Grade" tab.

Undergraduate exchange students must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours to be considered a full-time student, of which 6 credits must be in the following departments: Business Administration (BUSADM), Finance (BUSFIN), Management Science (BUSMGT), Management & HR (BUSMHR), Marketing & Logistics (BUSML), or Accounting & MIS (ACCTMIS). Undergraduate exchange students cannot take MBA classes. Economics (ECON) is not in the Fisher College of Business; it is in the College of Economics. You may take such courses, but not as one of the required business classes. Most undergraduate students take average 12 - 15 credits hours per semester. Students can take a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. You must fulfill this requirement each semester.

Graduate exchange students must register for a minimum of 12 semester hours to be considered a full-time student, and most graduate students take average 12 - 15 credits hours per semester. Students can take a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. Graduate exchange students cannot enroll in MBA core classes but have many options to consider in the Elective course selection.

Class Search Link
<https://classes.osu.edu/#/>

Once enrolled in classes you will have access to Carmen (<https://carmen.osu.edu/>), OSU's learning management system, to view your class syllabi, class PowerPoints, assignments, etc. to prepare for your class at OSU. You must be accepted as an exchange student by OSU to have access to the system.

Fisher Student Services

Graduate Programs Office (GPO) / Undergraduate Program and Advising Office (UGPO)

GPO and UGPO offers academic advising to business students. They are available to assist admitted students to select and register for classes. However, please send all course requests and questions to the Inbound Coordinator who will connect exchange students to the appropriate academic advisor. (<https://fisher.osu.edu/graduate/> & <https://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate>)

Office of Career Management (OCM)

As an exchange student, you can utilize selected career management resources while you are studying at the Fisher College of Business. Online resources that provide information related to workshops, resume development, interviewing skills, and job search strategy developments are available via the Office of Career Management website. You will not have access to Fisher Handshake. (<https://fisher.osu.edu/careers-recruiting>)

Undergraduate Leadership & Engagement Office (ULEO)

ULEO is a college department which provides students with impactful engagement opportunities to enhance leadership competencies, develop professional preparedness, connect with industry, and strengthen the Fisher community. (<https://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate/leadership-engagement>)

Office of International Affairs (OIA) International Student and Scholars (ISS) Office

OIA is the main international office at OSU and will be administering your student immigration status while in the U.S. If you have any questions regarding your visa or student immigration status while at OSU, contact OIA's ISS team for advice. (<https://oia.osu.edu/international-students>)

Disability Services

Should you have a condition that requires special coordination for your time at OSU, you will have to register with the Disability Service in the Office of Student Life to accommodate any needs for your disability. You may be asked by the class instructor to provide documentation from Disability Service at OSU when requesting special coordination in class or exams. (<http://slds.osu.edu/>)

Information Technology Services (ITS)

Information Technology Services maintains three Fisher College of Business student computing labs, offering Dell workstations, printers, and multifunction copiers. All classrooms and buildings on campus offer Internet access through Wi-Fi. (<https://fisher.osu.edu/technology>)

Recreational Sports Facilities

Recreational Sports facilities are conveniently located throughout campus with a wide range of operating hours and amenities. The unit is enhanced by its award winning indoor and outdoor facilities, including five indoor locations and spacious parks and outdoor space. (<http://recsports.osu.edu/>)

Why Fisher College of Business?

Since 1916, The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business has produced exceptional leaders who meet the challenges of a changing global business environment through creative and effective solutions.

Throughout the history of the Fisher College of Business, the college has delivered innovative and exceptional education to the students who attend by recruiting leading faculty, placing a renewed emphasis on experiential learning, establishing connections with corporate partners, and offering a wide range of global opportunities. As a result, Fisher's reputation continues to rise and is reflected in rankings which place the college among top business schools in the nation at the undergraduate and graduate levels. More about Fisher: <https://fisher.osu.edu/about-fisher>

Past Inbound Student Testimonials

- "Different life - great for students! The classes were excellent, and the professors are very welcoming!" – SP 2023 Undergraduate Inbound Exchange Student
- "OSU is a really big college with lots of different kinds of people which make this exchange program so fun (academically, other activities)" - AU 2018 Undergraduate Inbound Exchange Student
- "It's an optimum location for traveling and visiting the East Coast, it allows you to live in one of the biggest college campuses in the US and thus experience at best the real American college life, great school, and nice people!" - AU 2016 Undergraduate Inbound Exchange Student



Fisher Rankings

Overall Fisher College of Business

The Economist 2022

29th in the world

27th in the U.S.

Graduate Program

U.S News and World Report 2026

24th in the U.S.

Undergraduate Program

U.S News and World Report 2026

7th among public universities

12th overall

*Fisher College of Business Rankings:

<https://fisher.osu.edu/about/rankings-statistics>

Living in Columbus

WELCOME TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY and COLUMBUS, OHIO

Named after explorer Christopher Columbus, the city was founded in 1812 at the confluence of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers and assumed the functions of state capital in 1816.

Ohio is the 7th largest U.S. state in terms of population and GDP. Columbus, which is Ohio's capital and the 15th largest city in the country, is a friendly city of sleek, modern high-rises, and century-old buildings along the banks of the Scioto River.

In addition to being home to one of the finest universities in the nation, its attractions range from a rich visual and performing arts scene to the #1 zoo in the country, exciting sports, fine restaurants, international festivals, and enough specialty shops, outlets, and malls to satisfy even the most avid shoppers.

Columbus Highlights

- Center of Science and Industry (COSI): No.1 Science Museum
- Ohio Theatre, the Palace, and the Great Southern: The three historic downtown theaters
- Columbus Zoo: No. 1 zoo in the nation
- Wide range of festivals and cultural events



Companies Around Columbus

Four Fortune 500 companies are headquartered around Columbus, including:

- Cardinal Health
- Nationwide
- American Electric Power (AEP)
- Limited Brands

Sports

Sports enthusiasts can choose from a variety of professional and collegiate sports.

- Ohio State Buckeyes (American college football)
- Columbus Crew (major league soccer)
- Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL hockey)
- Columbus Clippers (AAA baseball affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians)

Entertainment

There are many other locations to shop, dine, and explore.

- German Village: The nation's largest privately restored historic neighborhood
- Short North: An arts district, often referred to as Columbus's version of SoHo located at downtown's northern edge
- Easton Shopping Center: A huge indoor & outdoor shopping mall
- Hocking Hills State Park: A State Park offering outdoor activities (hiking, canoeing, etc.) and beautiful nature

Travel from Columbus

You can fly to three major U.S. cities in less than two hours from Columbus!

- Approx. 2-hour flight to New-York
- Approx. 90-minute flight to Chicago
- Approx. 90-minute flight to Washington, D.C.
- Approx. 90-minute flight to Toronto, Canada

Visit the following links to see Columbus and The Ohio State University:

- Experience Columbus in 2026
- Welcome to Ohio State!
- OSU Social Media Page

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfCwGiH1O4>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4TMxHyO-S8>
Instagram [@theohiostateuniversity](https://www.instagram.com/theohiostateuniversity)

