**Important Information**

**Application Deadlines**
- 2018 Autumn Semester: March 15, 2018
- 2019 Spring Semester: October 1, 2018

*You must be nominated by your home university, before you receive access to the application.

**Online Application Website**
- [http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundExchange](http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundExchange)

**Required Documents**
- Proof of Financial Support Form (check webpage)
- Bank Statement (in English, showing currency code)
- Color copy of your Passport
- Proof of English Proficiency (check webpage)
- Academic Transcripts (in English)

**Expected Arrival Date**
- Autumn/Spring Semester: In time to attend an immigration check-in session at OSU (dates vary).

**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/pre-arrival-and-orientation.html](https://oia.osu.edu/pre-arrival-and-orientation.html)

**Fisher Orientation Sessions (Required)**
- 2018 Autumn Semester: Aug 20, 2018
- 2019 Spring Semester: Jan 4, 2019

**Student Fees Due**
- 2018 Autumn Semester: Aug 14, 2018
- 2019 Spring Semester: Jan 2, 2019

**Academic Semester Calendar**
- 2018 Autumn: Aug 21 to Dec 16, 2018*
- 2019 Spring: Jan 7 to May 5, 2019*

*Dates include exams

Detailed academic calendar can be found in the link below; [http://registrar.osu.edu/staff/bigcal.asp](http://registrar.osu.edu/staff/bigcal.asp)

**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](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html)
- [http://j1visa.state.gov/](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 costs is approximately $1900 per semester, including the mandatory OSU health insurance (amount subject to change). You will also be responsible for your travel, visas, accommodations, meals, living, and other personal expense during your stay in the U.S.

More information at [http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundFAQ](http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundFAQ)
**Health Insurance**

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 on the insurance, visit [http://shi.osu.edu/](http://shi.osu.edu/) for more information.

**Exceptions:** International students who are fully financed or sponsored (including tuition, living expenses, medical expenses, etc.) under a government sponsor or a select international organization, or who are covered as a US-based employee, or as a dependent of a US-based employee, under US-based health insurance provided through that employment, may qualify for an exemption from coverage.

**Vaccination**

OSU requires that all students meet its Vaccination Requirements. Please review each component on OSU’s Student Health Service page ([http://shc.osu.edu/services/vaccinations/vaccination-requirement/](http://shc.osu.edu/services/vaccinations/vaccination-requirement/)) to determine which are applicable in your circumstance and complete as instructed. (All may apply.) 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 Services**

The Wible Student Health Center at The Ohio State University provides a variety of health care services to the student population. All students enrolled at OSU are eligible to use the health service, regardless of health insurance coverage. The OSU Medical Center is also available for health services. ([https://shs.osu.edu/](https://shs.osu.edu/))

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**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 are able to 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 $1,900 - $2,300 per semester (amount subject to change).

*Actual rates will be posted to the OSU Dining website [http://food.osu.edu/dining-plans/](http://food.osu.edu/dining-plans/).*

**Off-campus Housing** ([https://offcampus.osu.edu/](https://offcampus.osu.edu/))

Be prepared to live off-campus and to find your own accommodation when coming to OSU. The OSU Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services (+1 614-292-0100 or [offcampus@osu.edu](mailto:offcampus@osu.edu)) can assist you in your search for short-term apartments, sublets, and roommates. Average rent around campus is about $400-700 per month (amount subject to change).

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.

The OSU Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services provides:

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

Other resources past exchange students have used are below:

- [https://oia.osu.edu/int-scholars/i-1-visiting-scholars/pre-arrival-checklist.html#Housing](https://oia.osu.edu/int-scholars/i-1-visiting-scholars/pre-arrival-checklist.html#Housing)
- [https://housinganywhere.com/search/columbus](https://housinganywhere.com/search/columbus)
- [https://www.abodo.com/columbus-oh/search](https://www.abodo.com/columbus-oh/search)
- Information through Fisher Exchange Network (student organization) and past exchange students.

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**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) if a full semester class; 1.5 credits (approximately 19 contact hours) if a 7-week module; other courses at the university vary. 1000-4000 level courses are considered undergraduate level courses at OSU. Students must meet class prerequisites for each requested course to be enrolled in the class. More information is available on the FAQ section of our website:

[http://go.osu.edu/FCOBInboundFAQ](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, 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 located in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. You may take such courses, but not as one of the required business classes. Students can take a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester depending on availability, but on average, enrollments are between 12-15 credits. You must fulfill this requirement each semester. Click on the link below to search for courses:

[http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/)

Scroll down to "Academics", and click the "Class Search" link.

Once enrolled in class you will have access to Carmen ([https://carmen.osu.edu/](https://carmen.osu.edu/)), OSU’s learning management system, to view your class syllabi, presentations, 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 Exchange Network (FEN)

FEN is a student organization that pairs incoming international exchange students with Fisher students. Exchange students are assigned one or two Fisher student mentors who assist incoming exchange students in many ways.

### FEN Assistance
- Meet exchange students at the airport
- Answer basic questions about student life (studies, housing, facilities, etc.)
- Show exchange students around the city and campus
- Invite exchange students to on- and off-campus social and athletic events
- Participate in welcome and farewell activities

### FEN Events
- Welcome Event
- Local Sporting Events
- Local Campus Events
- Out-of-State City Weekend
- Corporate Site Visits
- Cultural Site Visit
- Holiday Dinner
- Closing Reception

Fisher Student Services

**Undergraduate Program and Advising Office (UGPAO)**
UGPAO 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/undergraduate)

**Office of Career Management (OCM)**
As an exchange student, you are able to utilize selected career management resources while you are studying at the Fisher College of Business. Online resources that provide information related to resume development, interviewing skills, and job search strategy developments are available via the Office of Career Management website. In addition, exchange students are encouraged to attend career workshops and career fairs offered throughout the academic year. You will not have access to Fisher Connect. (https://fisher.osu.edu/careers)

**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)**
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 for advice. (http://oia.osu.edu)

**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 instructor of the class 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 over 200 Dell workstations, 24 printers, and a scanner. All classrooms and buildings on campus offer Internet access through Wi-Fi.

**Recreational Sports Facilities**
Five Recreational Sports facilities are conveniently located throughout campus with a wide range of operating hours and amenities. Over 70 acres of outdoor facility space also stretch across campus. (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
- "It's an optimum location for traveling and visiting the East Coast, it allows to live in one of the biggest college campus in the US and thus experience at best the real American college life, great school, nice people!" - AU 2016 Inbound Exchange Student
- "It is a great school to experience an authentic American place for students. Good people, good events, and relatively near to many other cool places like New York, Chicago, etc." - AU 2015 Inbound Exchange Student
- "Fisher College of Business has inspired me to not stop searching for knowledge. I have enjoyed EVERY class that I have took, which has developed me to become a better business person." - AU 2014 Inbound Exchange Student
**Fisher Rankings**

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**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**

- Six Fortune 500 companies are headquartered around Columbus including:
  - Cardinal Health
  - Nationwide
  - American Electric Power (AEP)
  - Limited Brands
  - Momentive Specialty Chemicals
  - Big Lots

**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 Indians)

**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 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 hours flight to New-York
- Approx. 60 minute flight to Chicago
- Approx. 90 minute flight to Washington, D.C.
- Approx. 90 minutes flight to Toronto, Canada

View the following video/links clips to better understand Columbus and The Ohio State University:

- Welcome to Columbus: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCZ3iEZsbm8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCZ3iEZsbm8)
- Columbus is a Global City: [http://vimeo.com/63345423](http://vimeo.com/63345423)
- What Does it Mean to be a Buckeye: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyWqJAevLv4&feature=player_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyWqJAevLv4&feature=player_embedded)
- Fisher College of Business Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/FisherOSU](https://www.facebook.com/FisherOSU)
- OSU Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/osu](https://www.facebook.com/osu)