



Admissions News

Greetings from Ohio State!

I think the folks who settled on “spring semester” as a name for the academic term starting in January (the first spring semester at Ohio State in many, many years) are definitely “glass-half-full” kind of people. But I’m adjusting, and eight months in I’ve come to appreciate even more what a dynamic, inventive place The Ohio State University truly is. We maintain an impressive pace here and the application season that recently closed was no exception. It was a record year for applications with over 35,000 students applying for admission, an increase of more than 25 percent.



Vern Granger

We now have a year of Common Application membership under our belts and have learned a great deal in the process. Many of your seniors have admissions decisions already; those whose decisions were deferred will hear by the end of March. We also expect that financial aid awards will go out (via e-mail—**please be sure your Buckeye-bound students have activated Ohio State online accounts**) in late March.

Despite the bigger applicant pool, the profile of our freshman class will be very diverse, in every sense of the word. While the academic profile of our freshmen has improved steadily over the last decade, **we have worked hard to develop a purposeful holistic review process that goes well beyond the numbers.** We’re excited to meet our newest Buckeyes in First Year Experience pre-enrollment programs this summer (see more about our offerings at fye.osu.edu/programs).

In the meantime, we are working hard to meet the class of ’13 (students and their families) as we can; the admissions staff is traveling far and wide this spring. We’ll also be hosting lots of campus visitors, both at admitted student visit events and through daily campus visits. We love to host counselors, too; please let us know if we can plan a visit for you this spring or summer. In the meantime, enjoy the spring (it’s coming soon) and thanks for all you’ve done this year to help college-bound students sort out the options.

Sincerely,

Vern Granger
Associate Vice President and
Director of Admissions

Time and change

Financial aid awarding is online

In late March, Ohio State will begin e-mailing notifications about financial aid. This notification includes a link to view one’s award package for the 2013–14 academic year. **To view the award, students must have an active Ohio State Username (lastname.#), password, and e-mail account.** We are sending paper and e-mail reminders about this to students and parents.

Acceptance fees

- Please encourage your Ohio State-bound students to pay the acceptance fee as soon as possible (the sooner they pay, the sooner they hear about housing, orientation, and other important business).
- Acceptance fees can now be paid online, per instructions students receive from us.
- In spring, we will send advisors a list of students who have paid the Ohio State acceptance fee but still owe us final transcripts. We ask that you please make sure to send these transcripts before students attend Orientation.

May Session

A distinct feature of Ohio State’s new semester calendar is the May Session. This new, concentrated experience is designed for students to focus on one class in a four week session. More than 130 courses are planned this May in a variety of colleges. In addition, students can choose from an anticipated 40 “Global May” study abroad programs (Global May programs are intended for first- and second-year students of any major).

The full academic calendar is available at go.osu.edu/bigcal.

Visit hscounselors.osu.edu for helpful resources

Ohio State’s website for high school counselors provides:

- a quick link to checking your students’ application status
- contact information for your territory manager
- pdfs of Considering College and Admissions News
- helpful links for you and your students

Undergraduate enrollment information (for the class of 2012)

Admission information, Columbus

Total freshman applicants	28,675
Number admitted	16,514
Enrolled freshmen	7,186

Academic qualifications

% in top 10% of high school class	54
% in top 25% of high school class	89
ACT Composite (middle 50%)	26–30
SAT Combined (middle 50%)	1170–1320

Demographics

Male/Female ratio	51/49
Students of color	1,238 (17.2%)

Residency distribution

Ohio residents	5,428 (75.6%)
Domestic out-of-state students	1,168 (16.2%)
International students	590 (8.2%)

Freshman enrollment by campus

ATI	306	Mansfield	485
Columbus	7,186	Marion	409
Lima	427	Newark	1,136



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Undergraduate distribution by major, Columbus

Architecture	590	1.4%	Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences	2,195	5.1%
Arts and Sciences	16,158	37.5%	Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	1,303	3.0%
Business	6,005	13.9%	Nursing	950	2.2%
Continuing Education	919	2.1%	Pharmacy	442	1.0%
Dental Hygiene	125	0.3%	Public Affairs	196	0.5%
Education and Human Ecology	3,489	8.1%	Public Health	57	0.1%
Engineering	7,202	16.7%	Social Work	434	1.0%
Exploration	2,993	7.0%	Total	43,058	100.0%

First-year retention: Ohio State's first-year retention for the class of 2011 was 91.6%, well above the national average for four-year colleges and universities. Under-represented minority students retained at very high levels: 89% of African American students returned for a second year as did 91.5% of Hispanic/Latino students.