

A LOOK AT
Residence Life
AT OHIO STATE



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
RESIDENCE LIFE



VISION, MISSION AND MOTTO

Vision

In University Housing, we support, educate and enrich students by providing the highest quality residential experience.

Mission

We inspire students to achieve their highest personal potential by providing collaborative residential programs that encourage community, inclusion, learning and wellness.

Motto

We care about student success.



CORE VALUES

Community

We build relationships, are accountable to self and others, participate in activities and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

Inclusion

We lead dialogues, raise awareness, confront bias, and celebrate differences.

Learning

We connect experiences in and out of the classroom, by engaging with faculty, exploring professional opportunities and developing life-skills.

Wellness

We take an active role in all aspects of wellness for ourselves and those in our community.

SHARED GOALS

Community

Our work within the residence hall communities is centered on our learning outcomes, having students engage with the university community and building meaningful relationships with others. Our goal is to make a big place feel small and create a sense of home for our students.

Hall Directors create community in their residence hall through their individualized community vision plans.

Hall Directors are critical in the success of their residence hall communities. They work with their paraprofessional staff to implement a wide range of events and activities to engage their students in the areas of our core values.

Inclusion

We encourage and foster the importance of a global perspective by:

- + Educating through shared experiences, dialogue and personal reflection
- + Encouraging students to address thoughtlessness that may impact the campus climate and the student experience
- + Actively developing communities that are committed to diversity and inclusion
- + Supporting and empowering students who experience bias and discrimination
- + Through opportunities for critical thinking, social interactions and discussion within our residence halls and larger university communities, our goal is to empower students and staff to learn about the this ever increasingly interconnected world





LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND ACADEMIC OUTREACH

We connect experiences in and out of the classroom by engaging with faculty, exploring professional opportunities and developing life skills.

Hall Directors support student learning through:

- + **Design and creation** of our 19 learning communities and academic support programs
- + **Management** of Learning Community budgets in partnership with academic or Student Life partners
- + **Inviting and engaging** faculty in innovative community experiences
- + **Implementing** intentional programming for First and Second year students
- + **Supporting** our nationally recognized Second-Year Transformational Experience program (STEP)
- + **The Second-Year Transformational Experience Program** is designed to focus on student success and development and will allow students the opportunity to engage in activities that cater to their individual interests and needs. Through interaction with faculty, students will be able to develop tools for life and build essential network connections. Through STEP, students are matched with select faculty members who guide them through an exploration of education-enhancing experiences, interact with students one-on-one and in groups, and provide advice and mentoring that will help students in their transition from student to globally-minded professional. STEP has been recognized with the ACPA Collaborative Excellence Award and as a Silver Excellence Award Winner from NASPA (2017).

Learning Communities

At Ohio State, a Learning Community is a group of students who live together on a residence hall floor with common major, career and/or personal interests. Through partnerships with a variety of academic departments, faculty and staff, students have exclusive access to activities that tie directly into their academic success at Ohio State. Each Learning Community is unique in the goals and events offered, but all have direct connection to the classroom experience, intentional events and opportunities for participants, and dedicated staff members to ensure the success of the students within the community.



GLOBAL BUSINESS

For first-year students interested in exploring the increasingly globalized world of business. Part of the FisherDirect Initiative.



EXPLORATION

For first-year students who want to explore options and develop plans to meet their academic, personal and career aspirations.



FIRST YEAR COLLEGIAN

For first-year students interested in connecting to involvement opportunities and campus resources, developing leadership skills and participating in community service.



JOHN GLENN CIVIC LEADERSHIP

For all students who aspire to make a difference in the world and have an interest in public policy, politics, civic engagement, leadership and service.



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

For students interested in being a part of learning opportunities that emphasize how to be aware and active in an increasingly global society.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

For all students passionate about one or more dimensions of the arts (music, theater, art, design and dance) and engaging with them in a community setting.



MORRILL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

For first- and second-year students in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Morrill Scholarship Program who are interested in exploring local and national issues of social justice, participating in regular civic engagement activities and developing leadership skills for advocacy.



FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

For students studying Athletic Training, Health Information Systems, Health Science, Medical Dietetics, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiological Sciences and Therapy and Respiratory Therapy and other health-related majors.



KELLOGG-MOSER FOOD SECURITY & SUSTAINABILITY

For students interested in generating discussion and change around food production, food security, food safety, food policy, human nutrition, community development, sustainable agriculture practices, leadership and civic engagement.



WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

For women in the College of Engineering looking for opportunities to develop competencies directly related to advancement in the field of engineering.



PHARMACY HOUSE

For pre-pharmacy students interested in connecting with peers, faculty and staff from the College of Pharmacy through practical experiences within the profession.



ENGINEERING HOUSE

For all engineering students who want hands-on experience and opportunities for career exploration to help them become successful students and professionals.



SUSTAINS

For students interested in becoming leaders in sustainability, personally and professionally, by fostering connections with others and learning how sustainable actions impact society.



STADIUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For students interested in being part of a tight-knit community focused on leadership development, service opportunities and connecting with The Ohio State University alumni in meaningful ways.



SOPHOMORE LEARNING & INVOLVEMENT COMMUNITY

For second-year students (including transfer students) interested in connecting to other sophomores and to Ohio State through service, leadership enhancement and major/career exploration.



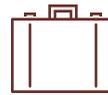
ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIP HOUSING

For female students interested in being part of a tight-knit community focused on leadership development, service opportunities and connecting with The Ohio State University alumnae in meaningful ways.



NURSING AND WELLNESS INNOVATIONS

For students interested in the opportunity to explore the profession of nursing, develop a community among other residents and members of the College of Nursing, and learn the latest trends in healthcare.



BUSINESS HONORS

For honors business students who want to become successful students and citizens through team building, practical experiences, service learning, academic achievement and leadership initiatives.



FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

For agricultural and environmental sciences majors and those interested in social and academic experiences related to agricultural leadership, education and awareness.

Wellness

Hall Directors support student well-being through the exploration of the 9 Dimensions of Wellness:

+ Emotional

+ Career

+ Social

+ Spiritual

+ Physical

+ Financial

+ Intellectual

+ Creative

+ Environmental



Hall Directors and their staff take an active role in the holistic wellness of students in their communities and encourage active steps towards healthier lifestyles. This happens through trainings, active and passive programs and conduct meetings. Our staff participate in Reach Suicide Prevention Training and support students through their mental health and crisis response.

“I taught a beginner calligraphy lesson focused on mindful practice. Since the program, I’ve had students tell me that they’ve been able to utilize mindfulness resources to cope with the stresses of college life.”

 **Taylor Schaar, Hall Director**

“Through implicit bias training, Safe Zone training, guest speakers, inclusive excellence competencies and more, we as professional staff are consistently provided the resources needed to grow.”

 **Kyle Hovest, Hall Director**

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Core Competencies and Development

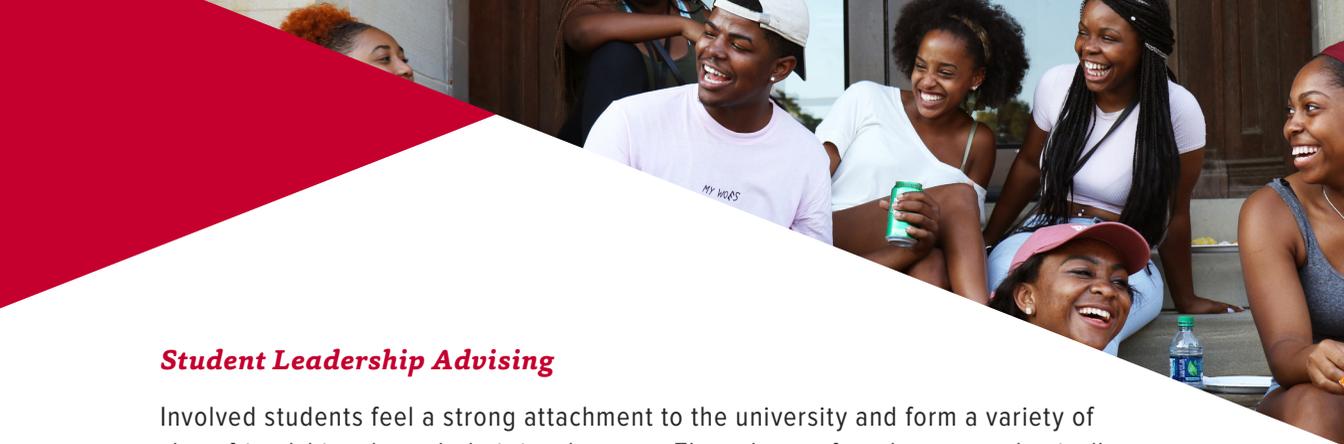
Senior Staff in Residence Life at The Ohio State University will develop awareness, knowledge and skills as it relates to inclusion and Inclusive Excellence through a series of trainings, workshops and events.

Staff will explore topics such as:

- + Social Identity and Privilege
- + Identifying and Managing Implicit Bias
- + Inclusive Excellence Framework

Opportunities for staff to actively engage in inclusive leadership are available through course instruction, committee work and professional development. We provide the opportunity for professional growth through:

- + Collaboration in departmental work groups and committees
- + Student Life work that aligns with the individual team members' professional goals
- + Attendance and presentations at professional conferences
- + Trainings and workshops led by campus partners
- + Involvement and participation in professional organizations



Student Leadership Advising

Involved students feel a strong attachment to the university and form a variety of close friendships through their involvement. They also perform better academically, gain skills and attitudes that contribute to future career aspirations and meet and appreciate people from all walks of life. Our Hall Directors shape future student leaders through advising our Involved Student Organizations:

- + **Hall Councils:** Provides social, recreational, educational, service leadership and cultural opportunities to residents in their halls.
- + **Black Student Association (BSA):** Promotes diversity, encourages leadership, works for equal justice, offers assistance to those in need, and provides activities that strengthen the bonds between students in the African American community.
- + **Residence Hall Advisory Council (RHAC):** Serves its constituents through student advocacy, programming, promoting student leadership and involvement, and facilitating communication with university administrators to promote student success in all facets.
- + **Allies for Diversity:** Engages in personal dialogues and in-depth group discussions about diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusivity at Ohio State, in our local community, and around the world.
- + **Off the Lake (OTL):** Provides an opportunity for students to explore their theatrical talents while striving to achieve the positive and challenging goal of creating a charitable atmosphere for all involved.
- + **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH):** Designed to give local, regional and national recognition to students making outstanding contributions to their campus and residence halls.
- + **Multicultural Understanding through Non-traditional Discovery Opportunities (MUNDO):** Focuses on topics related to the service-learning concepts of “What, So What, Now What” through educational road trips, guest speakers, cultural events, faculty interaction and volunteer opportunities.
- + **Cultural Ambassadors for Resident Enrichment (CARE):** Serves as a representative of the international students in their residence hall, ambassadors exercise leadership and strive to build a welcoming and strong community among both international students and domestic students.

ABOUT OHIO STATE

The Ohio State University's campus in Columbus has been the stage for academic achievement and a laboratory for innovation for 150 years. The university's main campus is one of America's largest, most comprehensive and one of the nation's top-20 public universities.

As a land-grant university, Ohio State has a physical presence throughout the state, with campuses and research centers located around Ohio.

Academic Structure

- + 15 Colleges | 12,000 Courses (estimated)
- + Over 100 Departments
- + Over 200 Undergraduate Majors
- + 157 Master's degree programs
- + 121 Doctoral degree programs
- + Up to 16 degrees offered at various regional campuses, 29 Associates degrees can be obtained in fields related to Agriculture at ATI

Enrollment Overview: Autumn 2019

- + 68,262 total | 61,170 Columbus Campus
- + 53,669 Undergraduates | 46,818 Columbus Campus
- + Approximately 30,281 Men | 31,110 Women
- + 42,079 Ohio Residents | 11,590 Non-Ohio Residents
- + 15,285 Underrepresented Student Enrollment (all campuses)
- + 6,571 International Students
- + 4,637 African American
- + 4,666 Asian
- + 3,309 Latino/Hispanic
- + 53 American Indian or Alaska Native
- + 36 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- + 2,584 Two or more races



- + 61% of the entering freshmen this past fall ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating high school class, and 94% in the top quarter
- + All Ohio counties, 50 states, and 75 countries are represented
- + Retention of the first-year students is the highest it has ever been; retaining 94.1% of students. Underrepresented minority students were retained at very high levels: 93% of African American students, 92.4% of Hispanic-Latino students

STUDENT LIFE HIGHLIGHTS



Vision

Creating the Extraordinary Student Experience at The Ohio State University.

Mission

The Office of Student Life fosters student learning and development, enhances the educational experience and prepares students for their chosen professions and to be contributing member of a diverse society.

Our Commitment to Student Success

Enhance learning environments – Provide support for the transformational student experiences – Promote positive climates of diversity – Reinforce resource stewardship – Strengthen staff development and culture.

Student Life at The Ohio State University consists of more than 40 departments! We support students on their paths to success by helping them live healthy, fulfilling lives throughout their time at Ohio State, inside and outside the classroom. Student Life provides many of the programs and services that influence the daily lives of Buckeyes, including dining, housing, health and wellness, diversity and inclusivity, counseling and many more.



Awards

- + Recognized by niche.com as one of the Best Student Life programs in America!
- + Ohio State was voted ColumBEST top employer by the (614) Magazine.
- + Ohio State was named one of Campus Pride's 2017 top 25 LGBTQ friendly Colleges and Universities.

Residence Life Fast Facts

- + 44 Residential Buildings (40 Columbus | 4 Regional)
- + 33 Hall Directors (29 Columbus | 4 Regional)
- + 21 Assistant Hall Directors
- + Approximately 440 Paraprofessionals
- + Hall Staff Sizes Range Between 8–31
- + 77 Departmental Professional Staff
- + 19 Learning Communities

COLUMBUS HIGHLIGHTS

What's not to love about Columbus, Ohio?

With a growing population of 880,000 residents, Columbus is not only the state capital, but also the state's largest and fastest-growing city in Ohio. The city offers an exciting blend of arts and culture; inspired culinary, fashion, music and entertainment scenes; exciting collegiate and professional sports; and an open, entrepreneurial spirit.

There's always something to do and you won't be able to resist exploring the diverse collection of neighborhoods including the Short North Arts District, historic and charming German Village with a hot dining scene and the industrial vibe of the rising Franklinton area. Festivals every weekend in the summer months and light displays throughout the city in the winter are just a couple ideas from the long list of things happening in Columbus!

Home to one of the largest Pride parades in the Midwest attracting more than 700,000 people, Columbus is a smart and open-minded city where people are free to be themselves and follow their passions.

Columbus is rising as a fashion mecca and has become fashion's best kept secret with retail giants: L Brands, Express, Designer Brands Incorporated (DBI), Abercrombie & Fitch and more, all headquartered here in the city.

Interested in learning more about life in Columbus?
Check out experiencecolumbus.com.





“The academic rigor at Ohio State was apparent to me the minute I started working here, so I knew there would be rich opportunity to infuse academics into our communities. My work with Learning Communities has been so impactful: I have been able to tailor the living experience to students with common majors or personal interests and have been able to bring what they are learning in the classroom to their home.”

 **Kyle Hovest, Hall Director**



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