

Top 10 Reasons to Consider Ohio State

1. Big university, big opportunities

We offer more than 170 majors, 450 academic areas of specialization, 800 student organizations, study abroad programs around the world, and co-op and internship opportunities in almost every major. We have quality to match the quantity: academic programs from liberal arts to business, engineering, and the medical sciences are ranked among the nation's best. *MORE: [osu.edu](#)*

2. Highly ranked programs

Ohio State is a top 20 national public university and a top 10 research school (based on research expenditures). We also have a number of academic programs—including the Fisher College of Business and the College of Engineering—ranked in the top 20 nationally. Nearly every undergraduate academic program at Ohio State is internationally ranked. *MORE: [osu.edu](#)*

3. Large international student population

Ohio State is an international university. Each year there are well over 1,000 international undergraduate students on campus from 80 countries. And the population is much higher when you add international faculty, staff, and graduate students. *MORE: [oia.osu.edu](#)*

4. International student organizations and communities

Nearly 10 percent of Ohio State's 800 student organizations are dedicated to international students. Connect with other students from your home country, or join an organization to learn about students from around the world. *MORE: [ohiounion.osu.edu/studentorgs](#)*

5. International Undergraduate Scholarship

Announcing a special scholarship for international undergraduates! The International Undergraduate Scholarship is offered to qualified full-time, Columbus campus international freshmen who are required to pay the nonresident tuition surcharge. Admitted students with an ACT composite score of 26 or higher or combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1180 or higher are eligible for this award, valued at \$6,600 (\$26,400 over four years). No special application is required; qualified students are offered the award upon admission. *MORE: [undergrad.osu.edu/internationalfreshman.html](#)*

6. Practical experience outside of the classroom (research, co-ops, internships)

Ohio State students can take advantage of a wide range of learning experiences outside of the classroom, including co-ops and internships, study abroad programs (to over 40 countries), and undergraduate research opportunities. *MORE: [undergrad.osu.edu/academics.html](#)*

7. Honors & Scholars opportunities

The University Honors Program offers an enriched academic experience through the integration of curricular and extracurricular activities. Honors students are able to choose from approximately 500 Honors classes taught by select faculty, live in one of four specially designated Honors residence halls, and pursue original research under the guidance of a faculty member. The Ohio State Scholars Program gives students the chance to meet and live with other students who share academic interests and career goals. Each of the 13 Scholars programs is dedicated to a specific area of study or special focus. Students in the Scholars Program live together, attend classes together, and have the opportunity to be a part of a close-knit community. *MORE: [honors-scholars.osu.edu](#)*

8. First Year Experience program

Since we're a big university, we pay a lot of attention to helping students make a successful transition to college. Our First Year Experience (FYE) program, voted one of the nation's best, provides a friendly, personal welcome to students new to the Buckeye community. FYE programs and events help students connect with each other and take advantage of all Ohio State offers. *MORE: [fye.osu.edu](#)*

9. Learning communities

Our 40+ learning communities give students the option of living with other students who share similar academic and lifestyle interests. Each program features a full calendar of academic, social, and cultural activities. *MORE: [housing.osu.edu](#)*

10. In the heart of it all: Columbus, Ohio

Ohio State's main campus is located in Ohio's largest city, Columbus, which is home to thriving company headquarters, great restaurants and entertainment, and many miles of bike paths. Columbus is centrally located, making it an easy flight or drive to many Midwestern and eastern cities. *MORE: [undergrad.osu.edu/columbus.html](#)*