

NON-ACADEMIC ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, & LINGO!

A

ARA (Administrative Resident Assistant): An undergraduate student who assists the *Residential Coordinator* in management and coordination of the residence hall.
See also RA, RC, ResLife

B

BC / Baker: A common abbreviation for the Baker University Center.

Block 10 Plus: This meal plan is available to all students with 90 or more credit hours, faculty, and staff. This meal plan offers 10 meals per quarter in any dining hall or Grab n Go, plus \$100 in Bobcat Cash, all for \$181 (2008-09 price). Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.
See also Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan

Block 20 Meal Plan: This meal plan is available to all students with 90 or more credit hours or students exempted from their housing and dining contracts living off campus, faculty, and staff. This meal plan is any 20 meals that may be used in any dining hall or Grab n Go's. The cost of the Block 20 is \$145 (2008-09 price). Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.
See also Block 10 Plus, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan

Bobcat Cash: A prepaid debit card (money you have put into an account) that can be used to make purchases at a variety of locations on campus.

BSCP (Black Student Cultural Programming Board): A volunteer board of students who present entertainment, social, cultural, and educational programs.

C

Campus Gate: The entrance to *College Green*. Located at the corner of *Court Street* and *Union Street*.

Campus Life: A department that offers students connections to campus and community involvement via Campus Programs, Community Service Opportunities, Greek Life, Leadership Development, and Student Organizations. Located at 355 Baker Center. Resources are also available online, at: www.ohio.edu/campuslife.

CARDD (Coalition Advocating Responsible Drinking Decisions): An organization comprised of students, administrators, faculty, and community members, who work to reduce high risk drinking by students.

CatCab: A free service that transports individuals with mobility limitations or health problems by van to campus locations. Additional information is available online, at: www.facilities.ohiou.edu/trans/catcab_generalinfo.htm.

Chubb: A common abbreviation for Chubb Hall, which houses administrative offices, including: Admissions, Bursar, Housing, Registrar, Residence and Campus Auxiliary Services, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, and University College.

College Green: Located in the center of Ohio University, College Green contains the following buildings: Alden Library, Scripps Amphitheater, Brown House, Bryan Hall, Chubb Hall, Claire Oates Ping Cottage, Class Gateway, Copeland Hall, Cutler Hall, Ellis Hall, Galbreath Chapel, Konneker Alumni Center, McGuffey Hall, McKee House, Scripps Hall, Temple Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium, Tupper Hall, and Wilson Hall

Convo: A common abbreviation for the Convocation Center. Located on *West Green*, the Convo is where the Ohio University basketball, volleyball, and wrestling teams compete; various concerts and graduation ceremonies take place there as well. It is also a residence hall housing 240 students.

Court Street: Area of Athens that contains several different bookstores, restaurants, stores, and bars. Located near the *College Green*.
See also Uptown

CSA (The Center for Student Advocacy): An independent, non-profit law office providing legal information, advice, representation, and mediation services for students. Located at 8 N. Court Street, #413.

D

Destination Dining: This meal plan offers \$300 in Points for \$270 (2008-09 price) and is open to any student with 90 or more credit hours and students who have been exempt from a meal plan. One Point equals \$1.00. Students on any other meal plan may add this option to their existing meal plan. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.
See also Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan

E

East Green: One of the three areas of campus where residence halls are located. Located near Jefferson Hill and McCracken Hall. Includes the following halls: Biddle, Bryan Hall, Bush Hall, Gamertsfelder Hall, Jefferson Hall, Johnson Hall, Lincoln Hall, Perkins Hall, Read Hall, Scott Quad, Shively Hall, Tiffin Hall, Voigt Hall, and Washington Hall.

F

Flex 14 Meal Plan: This meal plan offers 14 meals per week that can be used in any dining hall, Grab n Go, or market, plus \$100 in Points per quarter that may be used at Baker Center. Think of it as a *Super 14 Meal Plan* with \$100 you can use at Baker Center and other locations. One Point equals \$1.00. 2008-09 cost is \$1,634 per quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.
See also Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan

Front Four: *See also Old South Green / Old South*

Front Room: A campus coffeehouse. Located on the 4th floor of the Baker Center.

G

GA (Graduate Assistant): A graduate student who assists either faculty or staff.

Gam: A common abbreviation for Gamertsfelder residence hall. Located on *East Green*.

Greens: The three areas of campus, where the residence halls are located.
See also East Green, South Green, West Green

H

Health Promotion: This department helps students become and stay healthy. They can provide students with up-to-date health information, help students research health topics, and let students know when and where to attend peer-presented programs and alcohol and drug diversion programs. Students can even request a workshop or presentation for your organization, residence hall or class. Located at 339 Baker University Center. Additional information is available online at: www.ohio.edu/healthwell.

I

IFC (Interfraternity Council): The organization that governs the activities of National Interfraternity Council fraternities that have chapters at Ohio University.

ISFS (International Student & Faculty Services): This office is here to serve all internationals in any way possible. Responsibilities include: providing information and assistance on immigration matters; acting as a liaison with sponsoring agencies and foreign governments; providing information on campus and community services available to international student and faculty members; and promoting intercultural exchange programs between international students and the University community. Located at 348 Baker University Center. Additional information is available online at: www.ohiou.edu/isfs/.

ISU (International Student Union): An umbrella organization for over 23 international organizations, which coordinates programming for campus. ISU is committed to assisting international students to become part of the Ohio University and Athens communities. ISU serves to promote cultural understanding through activities aimed at expanding cultural awareness. Specifically, we: serve as consultants to international student organizations; promote a sense of community among international and American students at OHIO; develop activities to increase intercultural exchange and international awareness; and provide opportunities for OHIO students to explore their leadership potentials. Located at 365 Baker University Center. Additional information is available online at: www.ohiou.edu/~isu.

J

Jeff Hill: A steep hill that connects *East Green* to *College Green*, named for Jefferson Hall which is located at the bottom of the hill.

Judiciaries: See *University Judiciaries*

L

LGBT: An acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender.
See also *LGBT Center*

LGBT Center: This center advances the diversity mission of Ohio University by creating a campus environment inclusive and supportive of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. We focus on the unique academic, cultural, and social needs of LGBT students, and strive to enhance these students' learning and engagement as well as increase their retention. Our broader influence emerges from providing resources, educational opportunities, and social justice initiatives to all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members at Ohio University and beyond. Located at 354 Baker Center. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/lgbt.
See also *LGBT*

M

MCC (Multicultural Center): The Center serves as a place where cultural teaching and learning are the focus of all programs and activities. Its focus is intercultural, and provides a place where members of the university community, representing a variety of backgrounds, participate in programs and activities. All programming for the Center is designed to increase human understanding through the study and expression of culture. Located at 205 Baker Center. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/culturalcenter.

See also *MCP (Office of Multicultural Programs)*

MCP (Office of Multicultural Programs): This office seeks to provide a diverse range of programs and opportunities that are educational, recreational, social, and cultural. Committed to supporting and promoting multicultural awareness, the staff develops programs that increase understanding and appreciation of cultural differences by familiarizing the campus community with the contributions and histories of African American, Hispanic/Latino American, Asian American, and Native American cultures. Located at 205 Baker Center. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/culturalcenter.

See also MCC (Multicultural Center)

MemAud: A common abbreviation for Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. Named for OU's first male and female African American alumni, this auditorium is most often used for cultural and entertainment events held on campus, such as plays, speeches, and concerts.

See also TBAMA

Monument: A popular gathering spot for students to gather on *College Green*. It was erected in 1893 by the County of Athens in honor of soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil War.

Morton Hill: A hill that connects *South Green* to *College Green*, named for Morton Hall which is located at the bottom of the hill.

Mulberry: An email program provided to faculty, staff, and students.

N

New South Green / New South: The cluster of residence halls behind *Old South Green / Old South / Front Four* residence halls, connected by a catwalk between *Old South* and the Hocking River.

NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council): The organization that governs the activities of National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities that have chapters at Ohio University. These are traditionally black Greek organizations.

O

Oak: A set of basic services for all students that include personal email, personal web space, and online directory services (phonebook). Refers to the name of the computer server on which these services are located.

Oak ID: Your Ohio University network username, which is your login for services including: university e-mail, personal web pages, on-line web registration, on-line course materials through Blackboard, etc.

Old South Green / Old South: The group of residence halls at the front of the *South Green* that includes Brown, Crawford, McKinnon, and Pickering.

See also Front Four

OUPD (Ohio University Police Department): A full-service law enforcement agency serving the Ohio University community.

Overage: A check issued by the University to a recipient of financial aid. It is issued when a student's financial aid is in excess of their tuition and fees for a given term.

P

Ping: A common abbreviation for the Ping Student Center, which is located on the north bank of the Hocking River. Ping is a recreational center that has a climbing wall, five gymnasiums for basketball and volleyball, two multipurpose gymnasiums for floor hockey, soccer, and other activities, eight courts for racquetball and walleyball, a four-lane walking and jogging track, cardiovascular workout equipment, cybex resistance equipment, aerobics, weight training and martial arts rooms, locker rooms and a television lounge. The center is open to students, faculty, and staff. Fees for full-time students are assessed through the regular quarterly bills. Faculty and staff memberships are available on a quarterly payment basis.

R

RA (Resident Assistant): An undergraduate student who assists students in the residence halls. Each RA is typically in charge of one floor section in a residence hall.

See also *ARA, RC, ResLife*

RC (Residential Coordinator): A full-time professional staff member who lives on campus and supervises and coordinates the activities of 1-4 residence halls.

See also *ARA, RA, ResLife*

RCO (Religious Campus Organization): A community-based group of religious and spiritual leaders who seek to support students.

Rec Room: A common abbreviation for the Recreation Room. Features a variety of recreational activities such as billiards, bowling, foosball, ping pong, and air hockey. Located in the Baker Center.

ResLife: A common abbreviation for the Department of Residence of Life. ResLife is responsible for staff and programs in 41 campus residence halls housing nearly 7,000 students. The Director's Office is located at 350 Baker Center. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/reslife.

See also *ARA, RA, RC*

RTV (Radio/Television Communications Building): Campus building that houses the Scripps College of Communication and WOUB television/radio. Located on College Street.

S

SA (Security Aide): A paraprofessional staff member who patrols residential *Greens* during evening hours to assist students and confront violations of University policy.

SAC (Student Activities Commission): A subdivision of Student Senate that allocates funds to student organizations. Additional information can be found online at:

www.ohio.edu/campuslife/sorgs/funding/sac.cfm.

Shively: A residence hall that houses 148 students and the Shively Dining Hall on the first floor. Located on *East Green*.

South Green: One of the three areas of campus where residence halls are located. Located near the bike path and Hocking River. Includes the following halls: Adams Hall, Armbruster House, Atkinson House, Brown Hall, Brough House, Cady House, Crawford Hall, Dougan House, Ewing House, Fenzel House, Foster House, Hoover House, Mackinnon Hall, Martzloff House, O'Bleness House, Pickering Hall, Smith House, True House, Weld House, and Wray House.

South Pole: A gathering place for dances, performances, and other student events. Located under Nelson Dining Hall, on *South Green*.

Specialty / Specialty Books: A local bookstore that sells textbooks, gear, and supplies; it is the official online bookseller for Ohio University. Located on Court Street.

Student Senate: The official governing board of the student body. Additional information is available online at: www.ohio.edu/orgs/senate.

Super 14 Meal Plan: This is the most flexible of our meal plans. Students may eat all 14 meals each week or they may spend some of those meals on guests. Students have the option of converting any of their weekly meals to \$6.00 worth of food or merchandise at any of our three markets. Students may exchange one meal for a combo meal at Nelson Style Pizza. 2008-2009 cost is \$1,544 a quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.

See also *Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan*

Super 20 Meal Plan: This is the most flexible of our meal plans. Students may eat all 20 meals each week or they may spend some of those meals on guests. Students have the option of converting any

of their weekly meals to \$6.00 worth of food or merchandise at any of our three markets. Students may exchange one meal for a combo meal at Nelson Style Pizza. 2008-2009 cost is \$1,740 a quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.

See also *Block 10 Plus*, *Block 20 Meal Plan*, *Destination Dining*, *Flex 14 Meal Plan*, *Super 14 Meal Plan*, *10 Meal Plan*, *14 Meal Plan*, *20 Meal Plan*, *1804 Club Plan*

T

TBAMA: An acronym for Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. Named for OU's first male and female African American alumni, this auditorium is most often used for cultural and entertainment events held on campus, such as plays, speeches, and concerts.

See also *MemAud*

tRAC (The Residence Action Council): An advising and programming organization representing students living in residence halls.

U

University Judiciaries / Judiciaries: The primary purpose of this department is to safeguard the learning environment of Ohio University by upholding its standards for student conduct. University Judiciaries administers the "Ohio University Student Code of Conduct" with three goals in mind: (1) To apply community standards for conduct consistently and equitably. (2) To administer hearing procedures that afford due process, that are just, and that balance the rights of accused and complaining parties. (3) To provide opportunities for growth and development for offending students. Located at 349 Baker Center. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/judiciaries.

UPC (University Program Council): A volunteer board of students who present entertainment, social, cultural and educational programs. Located at 363 Baker Center. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohiou.edu/~upc/.

Uptown: This area is considered the social area of Athens. Located near the College Green.

See also *Court Street*

W

Webmail: This is an easy, convenient way to access your Oak email through a web browser. You can use it from nearly any computer with an Internet connection. It is not meant to replace email your software like Mulberry or Eudora; instead, think of it as a supplement, an option when your regular email program is not available. Available online at: www.ohio.edu/technology.

West Green: One of the three areas of campus where residence halls are located. Located across Richland Avenue by the College of Medicine. Includes the following halls: Boyd Hall, Bromley Hall, Convocation Center, James Hall, Ryors Hall, Sargent Hall, Treudley Hall, and Wilson Hall.

Work Study: Students who are eligible for financial aid may also be eligible for a work study position in which they work approximately 10 hours each week in a campus office. Contact an Ohio University financial aid officer to check if you are eligible.

WPA (Women's Panhellenic Association): the organization that governs the activities of National Panhellenic Conference sororities that have chapters at Ohio University.

#s

10 Meal Plan: Students may eat any 10 of the 20 meals served each week. This plan is designed for light eaters and students who travel home every weekend. 2008-2009 cost is \$1,102 a quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.

See also *Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan, 1804 Club Plan*

14 Meal Plan: Students may eat any 14 of the 20 meals served each week. This is a good choice if you tend to spend your weekends off campus. 2008-2009 cost is \$1,277 a quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.

See also *Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan, 1804 Club Plan*

20 Meal Plan: Students may eat all 20 meals served each week. A worry-free plan that has proven popular with students and parents because you are assured the student can always have a nutritious meal. This is also the most economical plan, providing an opportunity for 60 more meals each quarter than the 14-meal plan for an additional cost of only \$86 a quarter. 2008-2009 cost is \$1,363 a quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.

See also *Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan, 1804 Club Plan*

1804 Club Plan: This meal plan is specifically designed for faculty and staff. It offers \$300 in Points for \$270. One Point equals \$1.00. 2008-09 is \$270 per quarter. Additional information is available online, at: www.ohio.edu/food.

See also *Block 10 Plus, Block 20 Meal Plan, Destination Dining, Flex 14 Meal Plan, Super 14 Meal Plan, Super 20 Meal Plan, 10 Meal Plan, 14 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan*

**Looking for something that is not here??
Check the "Academic A to Z" or email us your question.**