Next Steps

This PDF includes items and processes you need to understand before and after enrolling in courses at OHIO. You should utilize this document after you receive your first email from your academic advisor. If you have questions along the way, don’t hesitate to contact your advisor.

The next steps you should take are broken down into three sections:

1. Registration Information
2. Financial Aid, Textbooks, and Tuition
3. Ongoing Resources

Section 1 — Registration Information

This section includes items and processes you need to understand when registering for courses at OHIO.

The information below should be utilized in conjunction with the personalized information sent to you by your eCampus advisor, including course recommendations. Your advisor’s course recommendations take into consideration the requirements you need to complete within your degree coupled with what courses are currently offered.

Course Offerings

Course offerings are posted several weeks before the opening of registration every term. Prior to each term, you should review the courses offered. It is highly recommended you communicate with your advisor each semester before registering to review your course selections and have your registration hold lifted.

There are two sets of online course offerings available to you as an eCampus student:

1. eCampus offerings (restricted to eCampus students)
   - This is your primary course offerings list. Always begin here as you search for classes.
   - Make sure you click on the appropriate term for which you want to search.
   - These courses are restricted to eCampus students and are not searchable in the general schedule of classes or via your Student Center, so it is recommended that you bookmark this link.
   - eCampus courses will have section numbers above 1000.

2. Athens and regional campus offerings (available to all students)

   Select the “Online (All Locations)” checkbox, then search the appropriate term.
   - This course listing can be used to supplement your schedule on an as-needed basis.
   - Athens-based courses will have section numbers 100–299. Tuition and fees are substantially higher for Athens courses, so most eCampus students choose to avoid these.
   - Regional campus-based courses will have section numbers 300–999. Tuition and fees for regional courses are comparable to eCampus fees for residents of Ohio, so these are a good option for in-state students. non-Ohio residents will see added fees for regional courses and should take those into consideration.
Within the course offerings pages, you will see the course number, title, component (format), class number, section, day and time, credit hours, instructor, fee, begin and end dates, number enrolled, maximum size, and status. Be sure to write down the class number (fourth column from the left), as you will need this when you register for courses. To see more course information (including the required textbooks and materials, and the add/drop dates), click the green arrow to the left of the course number.

After you have communicated with your advisor about your course selections, you must then register for your courses in your My OHIO Student Center. Remember to use the class number you found in the eCampus course offerings to receive the eCampus tuition rate. For more information on how to register for courses, visit the Register for Classes eCampus web page.

Other Courses Available
You may take print-based and course credit by examination courses (in addition to or in place of online courses). These courses do not adhere to the regular University academic calendar in terms of start and end dates and can impact your financial aid eligibility/award, so be sure to consult with your advisor if you are interested. More information on these courses can be found on the Print-Based Education homepage.

Section 2 — Financial Aid, Textbooks, and Tuition
This section includes items and processes you should be aware of, once you have enrolled in courses at OHIO.

Financial Aid
To be eligible to receive financial assistance, you must file the current year’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to begin the financial aid process. For OHIO’s school code and more info, visit the eCampus Financial Aid web page.

At Ohio University, summer semester is the beginning of a new FAFSA year. A new/current-year’s FAFSA is needed for each summer semester, and is subsequently applicable to the following fall and spring semesters.

You can access your financial aid information by logging into your My OHIO Student Center and clicking on the Finances tab. Here, you can view your award information and accept/decline any loan awards.

Financial Aid Refunds
Starting on the first day of a semester, financial aid refunds will begin to be issued for financial aid funds in excess of tuition and fees for a term. Refunds cannot be issued prior to the start of a term. Please visit the Office of the Bursar's Financial Aid Refunds web page for additional information.

Information about direct deposit of refunds can be found at the Office of the Bursar's Direct Deposit web page. Any questions about financial aid should be directed to OHIO’s financial aid specialists. Their contact info can be found on the eCampus Financial Aid web page.

Consortium Agreement
If you are splitting your academic enrollment and financial aid eligibility between Ohio University and another institution, you will be required to complete a consortium agreement if you are planning dual enrollment for the same term. For more information about the eCampus Consortium Agreement Policy and form, visit the eCampus Financial Aid web page. Completed forms should be submitted to your advisor.
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Textbooks
With online courses, professors generally jump right into the readings and coursework on day one of the semester. You are encouraged to have your textbook for your course PRIOR to the start of the semester.

Required textbooks and materials for each course are listed within the course offerings pages, found by clicking the green arrow to the left of the course number.

If the required textbooks and materials are not posted for your course, this means the instructor has not yet loaded that information. You can contact the instructor about the required textbooks for their course (their name and email can be found on the course offerings page), as well as notify your advisor that this information is missing.

Visit the eCampus Textbook and Materials web page for more information.

Note: Your financial aid can NOT be billed when purchasing your textbooks, as OHIO does not have any direct affiliations with bookstores.

Tuition and Bill Payment
Please note that OHIO has varying tuition rates for online courses, based on which OHIO campus is offering the course, depicted by the course's section number. On the Office of the Bursar's Tuition and Fees web page, you can find the current year's rates. General overviews of those rates are as follows:

- eCampus (section numbers of 1000+)—eCampus tuition rate with a minimal non-Ohio-resident fee
- Regional Campuses (section numbers of 300-999)—standard regional campus rate with variable non-Ohio-resident fees
- *Athens Campus (section numbers of 100-299)—standard Athens Campus rate with highest non-Ohio-resident fees

*highest total cost to student

Account Balance and Payment Due Dates
You can access your account balance by visiting your My OHIO Student Center and clicking on the Finances tab. View the Office of the Bursar's Account Balances and Due Dates web page for more info on balance postings and payment due dates.

Note: Account balances will begin to appear in your My OHIO account six to eight weeks prior to the start of the semester.

Payment Options
Details on payment options are available on the Office of the Bursar's Accepted Forms of Payment web page.

You may enroll in a payment plan if you are unable to pay your tuition and fees by the first due date for a semester. For more information and to enroll, visit the Office of the Bursar's Payment Plan web page.

Note: It is your responsibility to drop all your courses if you do not plan to take them in the current term. Courses dropped after the start of the semester may not be eligible for a full refund. Please consult the Office of the Bursar for details on refund eligibility, as well as notify your advisor of your intentions. Your classes will NOT be dropped for nonpayment of current term tuition and fees. Please review the eCampus Important Dates web page to see enrollment dates.
Section 3 — Ongoing Resources
This section covers resources that you will continue to use as an eCampus student.

Blackboard
Your online courses will be available in Blackboard. For more information, see the Blackboard section on the eCampus Technology and Support web page.

Success Center
The eCampus Success Center is available when you need help with matters related to your education, such as managing multiple responsibilities, understanding student expectations, or accessing student learning support services. The eCampus Success Center sends out a weekly newsletter containing helpful information, important dates and services, and tips for being successful during your time at OHIO.

My OHIO Student Center
Within your My OHIO Student Center account, you can:
• Add and drop courses
• Find your tuition and fees information
• Find your financial aid information

Testing Services
Some OHIO online courses will require proctored examinations. Please consult the Testing Services web page of the Student Knowledge Center for more information.

Social Media
eCampus is active on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Click the icons below (or search @ohioecampus on any of these platforms) and follow along for helpful reminders, faculty/staff/student features, and photos: