Useful Resources for You:

The ISFS team will go through all of these things in detail during orientation, however it is good to start looking at and thinking about your different options to make your transition here at Ohio University and Athens easier. There is also a Living in Athens website created by the Center for International Studies you can browse through for any further information. https://www.ohio.edu/global/isfs/students/athens-living.cfm

- **Off Campus Housing - Some Options**

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<td>University Commons</td>
<td>15 S Shafer St, Athens, OH 45701</td>
<td>(740) 593-7571</td>
<td><a href="http://www.oucommons.com/">http://www.oucommons.com/</a></td>
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<td>University Courtyard</td>
<td>366 Richland Ave, Athens, OH 45701</td>
<td>(740) 249-2489</td>
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<td>Carriage Hill Apartments</td>
<td>115 Carriage Hill Dr, Athens, OH 45701</td>
<td>(740) 594-2236</td>
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<td>Riverpark</td>
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<td>(740) 331-4661</td>
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<td>Mill Street Village</td>
<td>186 Mill St, Athens, OH 45701</td>
<td>(740) 249-4661</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@millstvillage.com">info@millstvillage.com</a> or <a href="http://www.millstvillage.com/contact.php">http://www.millstvillage.com/contact.php</a></td>
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<td>The Summit</td>
<td>363 Richland Ave, Athens, OH 45701</td>
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<td>Athens Station Apartments</td>
<td>123 W Union St</td>
<td>(740) 593-3153</td>
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<td>Putnam Square Apartments</td>
<td>24 Home Street 1400 Athens, OH 45701</td>
<td>(740)-594-9013</td>
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<td>Graceland Apartments</td>
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<td>(740)-591-3565</td>
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Possible sites to check out if you are looking for off-campus housing:

- **Google- Athens Ohio Apartments** Please take a look at the following map with popular housing options in Athens: Off-Campus Housing Map at https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1C_A8Th2VmlY--YQdcliO2SQSRbs&hl=en_US&ll=39.32172360533713%2C-82.10170966137696&z=13
  - **Apartment Finder** http://www.apartmentfinder.com/Ohio/Athens-Apartments/8448015341?frontdoor=google&gclid=CjwKEAjwt3KDIBRCz0KvZIJ7k4Tg
Apartments.com - [https://www.apartments.com/apartments/athens-oh/?frontdoor=google&gclid=CjwKEAjw3KDIj4KvZl7k4TgSJABDqOK7QAUXCH8xl0eluEdDcCTMTN50JF6s7hp3oQQAyMlRoC4nfw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds&dclid=CNu2Lvl0dMCFuaraQod7HMAxQ](https://www.apartments.com/apartments/athens-oh/)

Craigslist - [https://athensohio.craigslist.org/](https://athensohio.craigslist.org/)

Facebook Groups:
- Housing - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/442560949093803/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/442560949093803/)
- Ohio University (OU) Housing, Sublets & Roommates - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/383151271869688/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/383151271869688/about/)
- Ohio University International Students Union - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/128451250506903/?multi_permalinks=1523103361041678&notif_t=group_activity&notif_id=1493584876026628](https://www.facebook.com/groups/128451250506903/?multi_permalinks=1523103361041678&notif_t=group_activity&notif_id=1493584876026628)

Furniture for your Apartment:
- Facebook Groups:
  - Free and for Sale
  - Athens Ohio Buy/Sell/Trade - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/209378315826874/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/209378315826874/)

Shops:

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<td>(740) 594-3398</td>
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<td>Sofa &amp; Mattress Outlet</td>
<td>606 E State St, Athens, OH</td>
<td>(740) 593-7191</td>
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<td>Aaron’s</td>
<td>961 E State St, Athens, OH</td>
<td>(740) 589-4400</td>
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<td>Big Lots</td>
<td>918 E State St, Athens, OH</td>
<td>(740) 594-8257</td>
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<td>Family Dollar</td>
<td>4 E Carpenter St, Athens</td>
<td>(740) 592-1437</td>
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Thrift/ 2nd Hand Stores:

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<td>5 N Shafer St, Athens, OH</td>
<td>(740) 249-4143</td>
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<td>Reuse Thrift Store</td>
<td>100 Columbus Rd, Athens, OH</td>
<td>(740) 594-5103</td>
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<td>Habitat for Humanity ReStore</td>
<td>309 W Union St, Athens, OH</td>
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3. **Possible Banks**
   - Ohio University Credit Union Bank
   - Chase Bank
   - Hocking Valley Bank
   - The Citizens Bank
   - Peoples Bank
   - First National Bank
   - Wes Banco Bank

   *For most of the banks you will need a proof of residence letter from Housing or your apartments leasing office. Call/ email to check what their requirements are for you to open an account as an International Student.*

4. **Possible Cellphone Network Providers**
   The ISFS team makes available free sim cards from Mint for all new students, but you can also pick from any of these network providers.
   - Verizon
   - Sprint
   - H2O
   - AT&T
   - T-Mobile

5. **Other Important Resources**

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<td>BMV</td>
<td>1002 E State St #21, Athens, OH 45701</td>
<td>(740) 592-4667</td>
<td>State IDs and Drivers licenses</td>
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<td>Athens Social Security Office</td>
<td>743A E State St</td>
<td>(877) 840-7683</td>
<td>Social security Number if you are going to work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISFS Office</td>
<td>15 Park Place, Athens, OH (WIEC)</td>
<td>(740) 593- 4330</td>
<td>Any student immigration queries</td>
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6. Transportation Options

There are many options to be able to travel in and around Athens. The Loops are provided by Ohio University and travel inside the campus. Athens Public Transit is provided by the city of Athens and can take you around different places in Athens such as Walmart or the Holzer Hospital.

Transportation Options On Campus:

The Loops

**Purple Loop**
- Baker 4th Floor: 00:10:20:30:40:50
- Lot 53 & 54: 04:14:24:34:44:54

**Red Loop**
- Central Food: 00:20:40
- Innovation Cntr.: 03:23:43
- Kennedy Museum: 10:30:50
- Mailroom: 12:32:52
- Stocker Center: 18:38:58

**Blue Loop**
- WUSOC: 00:10:20:30:40:50
- Grover: 05:15:25:35:45:55
- Baker 4th Floor: 06:16:26:36:46:56

**Late Night Loop**
On call service Monday – Friday 5:30 PM – 2:00 AM & Saturday 10 PM – 2AM; 740-593-4040 OR 740-447-8023 or look for the number on the back of your student ID
For questions, please contact the main office at 740-593-1611

Go to [https://www.ohio.edu/transportation/cats.cfm](https://www.ohio.edu/transportation/cats.cfm) to check the schedules

On Campus and Around Athens:

**Athens Public Transit**

Lines 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Go to [http://www.athenstransit.org/full-map-and-schedule/](http://www.athenstransit.org/full-map-and-schedule/) to check the schedules

Look out for this logo to locate the bus stop:

Get your Bobcat pass on your first ride on an Athens Public Transit line and get to travel for free 😊
You can also track your bus using Double Map App.

- If you need a ride somewhere in Ohio, you can check the Double Map app
- Download it to your phone
- It tracks all of the buses in real time

To Travel Out of Athens:

GoBus

Go to [http://ridegobus.com/#/poloko///search](http://ridegobus.com/#/poloko///search) to check the schedules

Greyhound

Go to [https://www.greyhound.com/](https://www.greyhound.com/) to check the schedules

Follow the Ohio University Rideshare Facebook Group at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2149419238612991/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2149419238612991/)

7. Useful Facebook Groups for International Students

- ISFS- [https://www.facebook.com/OHIOISFS/](https://www.facebook.com/OHIOISFS/)
- ISU- [https://www.facebook.com/ISUOU/](https://www.facebook.com/ISUOU/)
- International Students- [https://www.facebook.com/groups/128451250506903/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/128451250506903/)
- Center for International Studies- [https://www.facebook.com/ohiouCIS/](https://www.facebook.com/ohiouCIS/)
- Ohio University- [https://www.facebook.com/OhioUniversity/](https://www.facebook.com/OhioUniversity/)