



BOBCAT STUDENT ORIENTATION

June 2021 Family and Guest Schedule (In-Person)

Day Before BSO Program

5 – 9 pm **Residence Hall Overnight Accommodations Check-In (Optional)**
Students and their guests have the option to stay on campus in a residence hall the night before their orientation program. There will be no sessions or programmatic elements during the stay. Guest fees apply.

Day of BSO Program

7 – 8:30 am **Residence Hall Overnight Accommodations Check-Out (Optional)**
Students and their guests who choose to stay on campus the night before their program will be required to check out by 8:30 am.

7:45 – 8:45 am **Program Check-In**
All students and guests (even those who arrived the night before) will complete a program check-in on the morning of their program and must arrive by 8:45 am.

9 – 9:15 am **Welcome to BSO (Combined Session with Students)**
Meet the orientation team and review the orientation program schedule.

9:15 – 9:45 am **From Arrival to Forever: The OHIO Student Life Experience (Combined Session with Students)**
Leaders from the Office of the Dean of Students and Division of Student Affairs will share what your student can expect from their first days on campus and throughout their time on the bricks. Student life at OHIO is a choose your own adventure experience with many resources and programs at the ready to help you find your path.

9:45 – 10 am **Family and Guest Program Overview**
The BSO staff will review the family and guest program and highlight key sessions, as well as introduce a traditional element of the family and guest program: letter writing to students.

10 – 10:30 am **Division of Student Affairs**
Learn more from the Division of Student Affairs about resources available to you and your students.

10:30 – 10:45 am **Supporting Students in Transition**
First-Year and Student Transitions (FYrST) staff will share effective transition strategies and ways to support new students. Family adjustment challenges and changing perspectives will also be discussed.

11 am – 1 pm **Family and Guest Academic Session and Lunch Rotations**
Program participants will rotate between lunch and the family and guest academic session. In the academic session, guests will learn more about the student experience from staff in their student's academic college. For lunch, guests will have the option to purchase lunch on campus in West 82 or explore Uptown Athens and buy lunch at one of the many restaurants there. Additionally, guests can go to Nelson Banquet Side for a complimentary carry-out lunch.

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1:15 – 2 pm	What I Wish My Family Knew Join our orientation leaders to hear student perspectives on what they wish their families knew about their experience as new students. Time will also be available to ask any other questions you have about the student experience.
2 – 2:30 pm	Resources Panel #1 Representatives from various campus departments will be available for you to ask general questions about their programs and services.
2:30 – 3 pm	Concourse Conversations and Break Select departments participating in Resources Panel #1 will be tabling for you to ask more direct and/or personal questions, while we take a break from the program.
3 – 3:30 pm	Resources Panel #2 Representatives from various campus departments will be available for you to ask general questions about their programs and services.
3:30 – 4 pm	Concourse Conversations and Break Select departments participating in Resources Panel #2 will be tabling for you to ask more direct and/or personal questions, while we take a break from the program.
4 – 4:15 pm	Program Conclusion The BSO staff will end the program with a few reminders to assist your student in their transition.
Until 4:30 pm	Program Check-Out and Letter Writing Guests will be encouraged to check-out with the BSO staff before leaving the program to end their BSO experience. As guests prepare to finish the BSO program, we will collect letters to students as discussed in the program overview. This will be available beginning at 2 pm.
4:15 – 5:30 pm	Residence Hall Room Viewings Visit residence hall rooms for a better understanding of what it will be like for students to live on campus. Options will be provided on each green.

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