



# BOBCAT STUDENT ORIENTATION

## June 2021 Family and Guest Schedule (Virtual)

This is a general overview of the Virtual BSO program. A personalized schedule will be provided to each guest on the day of their program via the email provided on the sign-up form.

Before 8:45 am	<p><b>Student Electronic Check-In</b></p> <p>Students will check in for the program by going to the link in the final details message sent to their OHIO email 3-4 days before the orientation date. After completing the online form, students will receive an email confirmation of their check-in and that email will include a link to the first meeting of the day. This must be completed by 8:45 am on the BSO date.</p> <p>If you are participating in BSO from Mountain Standard Time (MST) or Pacific Standard Time (PST), your student will receive pre-recorded versions of the first two presentations when they complete the check-in process. We recommend checking in early on the day before the program to have time to watch those videos.</p>
9 am	<p><b>Virtual Meeting Room Opens</b></p> <p>Guests should join their student on the same device for the beginning of the program. Students are encouraged to login before the program to ensure their technology is ready to begin promptly at 9:30 am. A virtual help desk will be available for students with questions or concerns.</p>
9:30 – 9:45 am	<p><b>Welcome to BSO (Combined Session with Students)</b></p> <p>Meet the orientation team and review the orientation program schedule.</p>
9:45 – 10:15 am	<p><b>From Arrival to Forever: The OHIO Student Life Experience (Combined Session with Students)</b></p> <p>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.</p>
10:15 – 10:30 am	<p><b>Morning Break</b></p> <p>This is the time to take a break from focusing on a computer, so use this opportunity to not look at a screen. Move around, stretch, grab a snack... whatever it takes to relax before the next session.</p>
10:30 – 10:45 am	<p><b>Family and Guest Program Overview</b></p> <p>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.</p>
10:45 – 11:15 am	<p><b>Division of Student Affairs</b></p> <p>Learn more from the Division of Student Affairs about resources available to you and your students.</p>
11:15 – 11:30 am	<p><b>Transition Time</b></p> <p>Participants will move to a new virtual meeting during this time. Feel free to also take a quick break but be ready for the next session by 11:30am.</p>
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	<p><b>Family and Guest Academic Session</b></p>

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Guests will learn more about the student experience from staff in their student's academic college.

12:15 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00 – 1:15 pm	<b>Supporting Students in Transition</b> 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.
1:15 – 2 pm	<b>What I Wish My Family Knew</b> 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 – 2:45 pm	<b>Resources Panel #1</b> Representatives from various campus departments will be available for you to ask general questions about their programs and services.
2:45 – 3 pm	<b>Afternoon Break</b> This is the time to take a break from focusing on a computer, so use this opportunity to not look at a screen. Move around, stretch, grab a snack... whatever it takes to relax before the next session.
3:00 – 3:45 pm	<b>Resources Panel #2</b> Representatives from various campus departments will be available for you to ask general questions about their programs and services.
3:45 – 4 pm	<b>Program Conclusion</b> The BSO staff will end the program with a few reminders to assist your student in their transition.
Until 4:30 pm	<b>Program Check-Out</b> Guests will be encouraged to check out with the BSO staff before ending their BSO experience.

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