Buckeye Family
July 2021

Autumn 2021 Important Dates

Believe it or not, classes for the Autumn 2021 semester are just a few short weeks away. The start of a new academic year can be a very exciting time full of new opportunities. However, it can also be a very stressful period for students and their families as they work to establish routines and stay on top of deadlines. In the coming weeks, we will share more specific information about fall move-in, tuition and fee payment, health and safety measure and other important topics. We will also add our first year families to our communications.

In advance of that time, to help reduce some stress

that comes with payment deadlines and important university dates, please see the following list of important dates to start the new semester strong.

- **August 16-21:** On campus student move-in
- **Aug. 17:** Initial payment due date
- **Aug. 24:** Classes begin for semester,
- **Sept. 6:** Labor Day, no classes (offices closed)
- **Oct. 14-15:** Autumn break, no classes
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans' Day, no classes (offices closed)
- **Nov. 24-26:** Thanksgiving Break, no classes (offices closed Nov. 25-26)
- **Dec. 8:** Last day of classes for semester
- **Dec. 10-16:** Final exams for semester
- **Dec. 17:** Most residence halls close for winter break
- **Dec. 19:** Autumn commencement

Academic Calendar

ESEPSY 1259: Support for Students' College Transitions, Return to Campus

Looking for a class to support a successful autumn transition for incoming and returning students? Student should check out [ESEPSY 1259: Learning and Motivation Strategies for College Success](#) (3-credit elective). Students learn to manage time, defeat distractions, and study effectively for both in-person and online courses. During spring, students called the course "one of my best classes ever" and shared that "I was able to learn strategies that are going to help me throughout the rest of my life." In a recent study, researchers also found that students

who took the class raised their semester GPAs, used more effective study strategies and felt more connected to Ohio State. The course is open to all majors and for students at any stage in their undergraduate career.

Five Things Every Student Should Know About University Libraries

When you think about The Ohio State University Libraries, you're likely to picture the big, beautiful building at the end of the Oval. However, University Libraries is so much more than a building full of books, and there are a few things that every Ohio State student should know about their library system.

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Get Vaccinated, Get Rewarded

Ohio State will be distributing $50,000 in prizes to faculty and staff who have received their COVID-19 vaccination and report it to the university. Throughout August, the university will conduct weekly drawings for prizes that include gift cards, football season tickets and annual parking permits. This site includes information on how students, faculty and staff can report their vaccination status.

Even if students were vaccinated through the Wexner Medical Center or their information appears in MyChart, we are asking them to submit their staus so that it can be used in our public health

response. The university strongly encourages all students, faculty and staff to get vaccinated.

Commencement Celebrations

The university is in the process of preparing for next month's commencement ceremonies for both summer 2021 graduates and the Class of 2020. Graduates and their friends and families will be able to enjoy the celebration of the Class of 2020 at 7:30 p.m. on August 7 and the Summer 2021 commencement at 2 p.m. on August 8, with limited health and safety protocols.

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