

Ohio State Glossary

ag campus

An informal term for the buildings just west of the river that house the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; the School of Environment and Natural Resources; and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Applecreek Farm

ATI's 1,700-acre farm, located 5 miles east of campus.

Bee Lab

The Ohio State University Honey Bee Laboratory is located next to the Student Activity Center.

Block O

This student cheering section adds spirit to Ohio State sporting events. For football games, Block O sits at both ends of Ohio Stadium and wows the crowd with its colored cards. It is the loudest and most colorful section in the horseshoe. blocko.org

Brutus

The Buckeye mascot seen at almost any Ohio State event.

buckeye

A nickname for an Ohioan. The buckeye tree is native to the state of Ohio. The Indians called the buckeye "hetuck," meaning the eye of the buck, because of its resemblance to the eye of the buck deer. Read the entire history at osu.edu/news/history.php.

Buckeye Link

This is a one-stop online destination for essential Ohio State resources and services. Students can visit Buckeye Link at buckeyelink.osu.edu to take care of academic business without waiting in line or leaving their computers.

Buckeye Mail

Access your Ohio State e-mail anytime, anywhere at buckeyemail.osu.edu. Your lastname.#@buckeyemail.osu.edu address is your Windows Live ID login. buckeyemail.osu.edu

BuckID

The university's multifunctional identification card. BuckID allows students to purchase goods and services all around campus and access university resources. buckid.osu.edu

class number

The number used to enroll in a specific section of a course. Class numbers are found in the *Schedule of Classes* available online at registrar.osu.edu/courses or through the Student Center accessible via buckeyelink.osu.edu.

Carmen

Ohio State's online teaching and learning environment. carmen.osu.edu

"Carmen Ohio"

Ohio State's alma mater and oldest school song. Every Friday at noon, "Carmen Ohio," "Buckeye Battle Cry," "Fight the Team Across the Field," and other Ohio State songs peel out of Orton Tower and float across the Oval.

CFAES

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, of which ATI and OARDC are a part.

Conservatory

The conservatory is the large white structure located next to the greenhouses. It houses a teaching collection of tropical plants. The building dates to 1926 and was moved to ATI from an estate in Mansfield.

EM credit

Examination (EM) credit is assigned on the basis of proficiency demonstrated by taking an examination before or after admission. Up to 30 credit hours may be earned by examination. A student's college office can explain eligibility for EM credit.

FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (otherwise known as FERPA) governs the access to and release of records maintained by Ohio State (and other educational institutions).

Fisher Auditorium

Fisher Auditorium is located on the OARDC campus and is the site of Ohio State ATI's opening convocation and commencement exercises.

Freshman Forgiveness Rule

This rule allows a student to repeat up to 15 credit hours, which must be retaken before the student becomes a junior (reaches 60 hours). The FFR is automatically applied to a student's record if he/she is eligible. If students have questions about the FFR, they should check with their academic advisors.

Fresh Start Rule

Allows an undergraduate student who has been absent from the university for five or more consecutive years to petition for a recalculation of his/her point-hour ratio. All grades of C- or better, PA, S, or EM and K credit are counted for credit hours only. All courses taken for credit remain on the record, but the student starts with a clean slate as far as his/her point-hour ratio is concerned. The Graduate School and professional programs sometimes have other rules. The fresh start petition is approved by a student's college office.

GE (General Education)

The academic core of a student's curriculum, mostly completed in the freshman and sophomore years. The GE requirement helps students develop the foundation essential to succeeding in their major programs, including writing and critical thinking skills; engages them in topical contemporary issues; and gives them a broad understanding of diversity, the natural and social sciences, aesthetics, and, for some programs, basic foreign language aptitude.

GPA

Grade point average. At Ohio State, the official name for GPA is cumulative point-hour ratio (CPHR). See entry at point-hour.

Huntington

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incomplete (I)

Mark indicating course work is satisfactory but, for justifiable reasons, a portion is not complete at the end of the grading period. Students must complete the work no later than the sixth week of the following semester.

K credit

Transfer credit given at Ohio State for course work completed at another college or university. Grades do not transfer, but course credit hours may. Contact the Transfer Credit Center, (614) 247-7250, for information on the evaluation of courses.

late registration

A period following the regular registration period. Late registration runs through the first Friday of the semester. When a student receives his/her schedule, he/she can add and/or drop courses using the online registration system. buckeyelink.osu.edu

negative service indicator (NSI)

An NSI or hold on a student's record usually means that the student owes money to some unit at the university. If the NSI is in place at the time the student attempts to enroll in classes, he/she will receive an error message that contains information about the hold. A hold on a student's record will also prevent him/her from receiving grades at the end of the term, a transcript, or certification to receive a degree. It is important that students take care of holds as soon as possible.

nontraditional students

College students are traditionally 18–22 years old, but many students do not fall into that age range. Having deferred starting college, dropped out, or stopped along the way, students enroll at all ages. This diversity of ages adds interest and experience to students' classes.

Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC)

The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center is located

adjacent to Ohio State ATI. OARDC is part of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Ohio Stadium (the 'Shoe)

On the list of national landmarks, Ohio Stadium is the home of the football team and is the centerpiece for Buckeye athletics. The seating capacity is over 100,000. It also hosts spring commencement and occasional stadium concerts.

Olentangy River

The name of the river that flows through campus comes from the Wyandot Indian word *Olentanga*, meaning “river of rest.”

OCIO (Office of the Chief Information Officer)

The Office of the Chief Information Officer helps students, faculty, and staff make the best use of technologies for learning, teaching, research, and administration. For technical questions, e-mail 8help@osu.edu or call the IT Service Desk at (614) 688-HELP. ocio.osu.edu

Open Doors/Safe Zone

You may see these signs at various locations like faculty or staff offices. Open Doors and the Safe Zone project seeks to create a safer and more inclusive environment for all members of the campus community by reducing bias on the basis of race, gender, sexuality, religion or other identifiers.

Orton Hall

Completed in 1893 and named for Ohio State's first president, Orton Hall is the oldest building on campus. Home to the Orton Geological Museum and Library, this campus landmark is built almost entirely out of 40 types of native Ohio stone, which is arranged in the order of the earth's strata as it appears below Ohio. Orton Hall also houses the campus chimes, which ring every 15 minutes. The 14 bells weigh over 25,000 pounds and were gifts from the classes of 1906–1914.

OSCAR

Short for Ohio State Catalog for Automated Retrieval, OSCAR is the computerized catalog that helps students find library books quickly. library.osu.edu

OUR (Office of the University Registrar)

The registrar helps students enroll and succeed by providing service to faculty, staff, students, their families, and others. OUR is responsible for processes related to students' academic records, including transcripts, academic progress, enrollment data, classroom support, academic certification, fee assessment, and national and institutional testing. registrar.osu.edu

OWLS

OWLS (Older, Wiser Learners) is a support group for nontraditional students.

PA or NP (Pass or Non-Pass)

This option was designed for undergraduate students and continuing education students who want to take courses outside their normal degree programs without undue concern about the grade. Courses

taken PA/NP count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed but cannot fulfill any specific requirements and do not count in a student's GPA. Up to 20 credit hours may be taken PA/NP. Students must declare this option before the fourth Friday of the semester. Students should consult their academic advisors for information on the uses of this option.

point-hour

The university has assigned a point value, called the number of credit points, to each course letter grade. Multiplying the number of credit hours taken by credit points equals total points earned, and dividing total credit points earned by total hours attempted equals the GPA or grade point average. This is also called a "point-hour ratio" or "point-hour" or "cumulative point-hour ratio" (CPHR). Students should see their academic advisors for help in calculating their CPHR.

provost

The chief academic officer of the university.

RA (resident advisor)

An RA or resident advisor is an experienced student assigned to a residence hall to help students with all aspects of residence hall living.

S/U

S (Satisfactory) is a mark used to indicate satisfactory progress or completion of work in specified courses. **U (Unsatisfactory)** indicates unsatisfactory work. No credit is given for work marked U.

Schedule of Classes

The Office of the University Registrar publishes the *Schedule of Classes* each term at registrar.osu.edu/courses. The *Schedule of Classes* contains registration information and listings of courses offered—the course hour and number, credit, class number, days and times offered, building and room, and instructor. Students need this information to schedule classes.

Secrest Arboretum

Secrest Arboretum is part of OARDC and located next to Ohio State ATI's campus. Its plant collection is an enormous resource for ATI horticulture majors. It's an enjoyable location for a walk, as well.

SIS

SIS is the name commonly used to refer to Ohio State's Student Information System. Students access the SIS through their Student Center, accessible via Buckeye Link.

Student Activity Center (SAC)

The Student Activity Center provides a recreation center with a gym, raquetball courts, game area, and exercise room, as well as student clubs and intramural sports.

Student Financial Aid (SFA)

Student Financial Aid or Financial Aid makes every effort within its means to help all students with limited financial resources secure needed funds. Financial aid is intended to help students finance their education when family and personal resources are not adequate to

meet total educational costs. Financial aid consists of scholarships and grants, loans (which must be repaid), and part-time employment. sfa.osu.edu

Student Service Center (SSC)

The first point of contact for students regarding their academic record, financial aid, and student account. The SSC works closely with the registrar's office, student financial aid, and bursar's office. The SSC is located in the Student Academic Services Building at 281 W. Lane Ave. ssc.osu.edu

syllabus

A document professors create listing course objective and purpose, grading criteria, expectations, readings, and assignments for each specific course a student takes.

TBDBITL

TBDBITL is short for The Best Damn Band In The Land—and that's the truth. Students can see The Ohio State University Marching Band in action at football games, at the skull session in St. John Arena, or during autumn semester practice (at about 4:30 p.m. every day) at a field near Lincoln Tower. tddbtl.osu.edu

TOPP (Tuition Option Payment Plan)

A budgeting tool for assisting students/parents with payment of tuition and other associated educational expenses. ssc.osu.edu/topp

Located on campus, Tuttle Park Place houses a parking garage, restaurants, shops, and 24-hour pay machine parking access.