



The Office of Enrollment Services

Enrollment Services comprises the offices of Graduate and Professional Admissions, the Student Consolidated Services Center, Student Financial Aid, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, and the University Registrar, and the Economic Access Initiative.



Message from Vice President M. Dolan Evanovich

Enrollment Services is, above all else, about placing students first. We lead the university-wide effort to attract, enroll, and transition students rich in talent and diversity, and—ultimately—to support those students as they progress toward graduation. We measure our work in part by the quality of the students we enroll and by their successes at Ohio State. Accordingly, I'm pleased to share here a few indicators of the university's success in attracting the entering class of 2010. You'll find more details in the One University Enrollment Report at enrollmentplanning.osu.edu/report2010.pdf.

What follows is a series of updates from the offices in Enrollment Services. Some provide important dates and deadlines (Student Financial Aid), others provide an introduction to mission and services (Student Consolidated Services Center and Economic Access Initiative) or reports on recent happenings and events

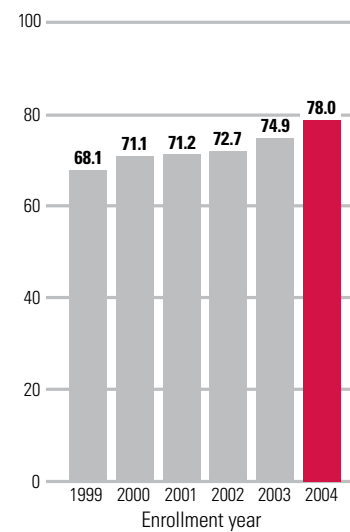
(Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience and Graduate and Professional Admissions).

Of course, our enrollment and graduation gains are due to a dedication to university-wide collaboration; each of us has a

role in helping Ohio State move from Excellence to Eminence and in helping our students scale new heights. I'm happy to be able to report here and in the Enrollment Report on our great progress to this point. In the April 7 *onCampus* we'll be back with another update and a look ahead at the university's enrollment plan, which articulates ambitious goals for the next five years and was reviewed and supported this fall by the Board of Trustees. Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Ohio State's first-year retention for the class of 2009 was 92.8%, nearly 20 percentage points above the national average for four-year colleges and universities.

Percent of undergraduates graduating within six years of enrolling



Undergraduate information (for the class of 2010, Columbus campus)

Admission information

Total freshman applicants	26,635
Number admitted	16,448
Enrolled freshmen	6,549

Academic qualifications

% in top 10% of high school class	54
% in top 25% of high school class	89
ACT Composite (middle 50%)	26-30
SAT Combined (middle 50%)	1160-1310

Demographics

Male/Female ratio	50/50
Students of color	1,086 (16.6%)

Residency distribution

Ohio residents	5,149 (78.6%)
Domestic out-of-state students	921 (14.1%)
International students	479 (7.3%)

Enrollment by country, state

Top 13 countries: People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, India, Canada, Taiwan, Mexico, Pakistan, Vietnam, Japan, Indonesia, Nigeria, Germany, Peru

Top 12 states: Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, California, Maryland, New Jersey, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Florida

Enrollment by campus

ATI	284
Columbus	6,549
Lima	474
Mansfield	516
Marion	581
Newark	1,109



Graduate and professional enrollment and trends

Enrolled graduate students 2010

Master's	5,217
Ph.D.	4,660
Non-degree/Certificate	788

Columbus enrolled post-baccalaureate professional students 2010, by college

Dentistry	424
Law	694
Medicine	863
Optometry	253
Pharmacy D.	527
Veterinary Medicine	556

Columbus graduate student applications

Autumn 2010	15,905
Autumn 2009	13,878
Autumn 2008	14,303
Autumn 2007	14,195
Autumn 2006	13,570
Autumn 2005	12,310

Enrolled graduate students

Autumn 2010	10,665
Autumn 2009	10,385
Autumn 2008	10,219
Autumn 2007	10,097
Autumn 2006	10,083
Autumn 2005	9,824

Columbus enrolled post-baccalaureate professional students

Autumn 2010	3,317
Autumn 2009	3,281
Autumn 2008	3,284
Autumn 2007	3,262
Autumn 2006	3,256
Autumn 2005	3,269



Graduate and Professional Admissions

Student Information System (SIS) Graduate and Professional Program

Graduate and Professional Admissions offers SIS training to campus partners.

- GP Admissions: The Basics** is an introductory training session covering topics such as the Application Management Engine (AME) page in SIS, requesting GPA calculations, searching for and understanding the Admissions Summary and Activity Summary pages, requesting financial review, inputting of funding information for international applicants, maintaining condition checklists, and methods for Fellowship nomination. This session should be attended by anyone who will be working with GP Admissions processes, and is a prerequisite for the Decentralized Processes session.

- GP Admissions: Decentralized Processes** is a training session for those interested in maintaining program checklists and posting admission decisions.

Sessions are typically held on the first Thursday of each month in the Student Academic Services Building, room 633. To register, contact Michael Jander at jander.2@osu.edu.

Have you updated our address on your web site?

In anticipation of the heavy influx of application documents being sent to our office during the busy fellowship processing time, please make sure your web site lists our correct address (any mail sent to our old Lincoln Tower address will no longer be forwarded):

Graduate and Professional Admissions
Student Academic Services Building
281 W. Lane Ave.
Columbus, OH 43210

Economic Access Initiative

The Economic Access Initiative is dedicated to fulfilling the university's land grant mission by helping low-income and first-generation young people believe that a college education can be in their future. The Initiative focuses on the steps that point students in the right direction, including:

- encouraging students to find a mentor to help them
- pushing students to take the toughest courses they can
- acknowledging the importance of "fit" in the college search process
- understanding the financial aid process

These steps form the backbone of our sponsorships, collaborations, and spin-off programs. **College Mentors for Kids** works with 80 underserved elementary school students who each week board a bus and spend an afternoon with our own student mentors. **Senior-to-Senior mentors** help high school juniors and seniors with one-on-one mentoring around the college planning process. Our **FAFSA Forecaster sessions** provide an early glimpse into the financial aid system. Our **College Club** encourages 4th and 5th graders to excel in science and math. **Blueprint: College** is a six-week college planning course for the parents of low-income students.

Each of our many endeavors in college access uses our own Buckeyes as "near-peer" role models. Learn more about our programs at access.osu.edu.



Student Consolidated Services Center

The Student Consolidated Services Center (SCSC) provides integrated service on behalf of the offices of the **University Bursar, University Registrar, and Student Financial Aid**. SCSC staff are knowledgeable about financial aid appeals and verifications, degree and enrollment verifications, issues related to residency and registration, student accounts, student health insurance waivers, and more.

The SCSC's mission is to deliver high-quality, prompt service to students, families, and the university community. Since moving to its new home on the first floor of the Student Academic Services Building in February of 2010, the SCSC has had more than 100,000 contacts with students and their families by walk-in, phone, or e-mail, with 1,000 contacts per day during peak times. In the past year, the center has increased staff and training, streamlined business processes with stakeholder offices, collaborated on outreach to incoming freshman and transfer students, and adjusted hours and accessibility during peak times.

Resources are available on buckeyelink.osu.edu to help students better serve themselves, and the center's web site, scsc.osu.edu, is being redesigned and enhanced to include answers to frequently asked questions, organized links to important information, centralized forms, and other helpful features.

Because students and their families often engage several offices, the SCSC communicates and collaborates with many groups in the university community, exchanging pertinent information through resource guides, messages, and informational meetings. For questions or to offer feedback, university staff can contact the SCSC at 247-8193 or by e-mail at internalscsc@osu.edu. All other inquiries should be directed to:

Student Consolidated Services Center
Student Academic Services Building, 281 W. Lane Ave., Lobby

(614) 292-0300 Phone and walk-in hours:
Toll-free: (800) 678-6440 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday
E-mail: scsc@osu.edu 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday

The Office of Student Financial Aid is already busy preparing for the 2011-2012 award year!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available at fafsa.ed.gov on January 1, 2011, and Ohio State has set an earlier priority filing date of February 15 for all students looking to receive aid for the 2011-2012 school year. Students are strongly encouraged to file the FAFSA by the priority deadline to have the best chance to receive the maximum aid for which they are eligible.

Reminders to students and staff about the February 15 deadline are planned (and will increase as the priority deadline approaches), as are reminders that families can submit an estimated FAFSA if they do not have complete tax information available by the February 15.



Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience

Selected autumn 2010 First Year Experience (FYE) program highlights

Ohio State is uniquely positioned, having linked Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, to create a dialogue with students and families that begins during the college search and extends well into enrollment. As we continue to attract increasingly capable students like those described in this report, these talented new Buckeyes are uniquely supported during a time that is hugely critical to their success (research points to a strong first year as the best predictor of college graduation). FYE facilitates smooth transitions through programs such as the Buckeye Book Community and the First-Year Distinguished Speaker Series to connect students with faculty, advisors, staff, and each other.

The **Buckeye Book Community** is Ohio State's common reading program, designed to spark informed dialogue about important national and global issues. This fall, nearly 7,000 first-year students read *No Impact Man* by Colin Beavan which focused on sustainable living. In addition to hosting Beavan on campus, FYE collaborated with faculty and staff across campus to organize a "No Impact Week" full of events and lectures focused

around green efforts on campus. Between Beavan's campus visit and the fall events, 70% of the first-year class (around 4,700 students) participated in a sustainability-themed event this fall.

The **First-Year Distinguished Speaker Series** brings speakers of international prominence to the Columbus campus. The fall 2010 lecture series featured author Dan Pink and game designer Jane McGonigal. Pink made the case for the emergence of "right-brain" creative thinking as key to future problem solving and noted that linear "left-brain" thinkers have the capacity to adapt. McGonigal's research suggests that games can build useful skills like collaboration, optimism, and urgency that can be directed to tackle real-world problems such as pandemics, food systems, and climate change.

Authors and speakers are chosen in collaboration with university faculty and planning for the autumn 2011 programs is underway. Please send any suggestions for books, authors, speakers, or collaborative programming to fye@osu.edu.

Find out more about these programs: fye.osu.edu/bbc.html, fye.osu.edu/speaker.html.

University Registrar

Did you know?

- Ohio State experienced record-high enrollment in autumn 2010 with 64,077 students across all six campuses. 56,064 of these students enrolled at the Columbus campus, also a record high.

- The six year graduation rate for incoming freshmen reached 78% and the first year retention rate is 92.8%. Only five years ago these numbers were 68.1% and 89.7%.

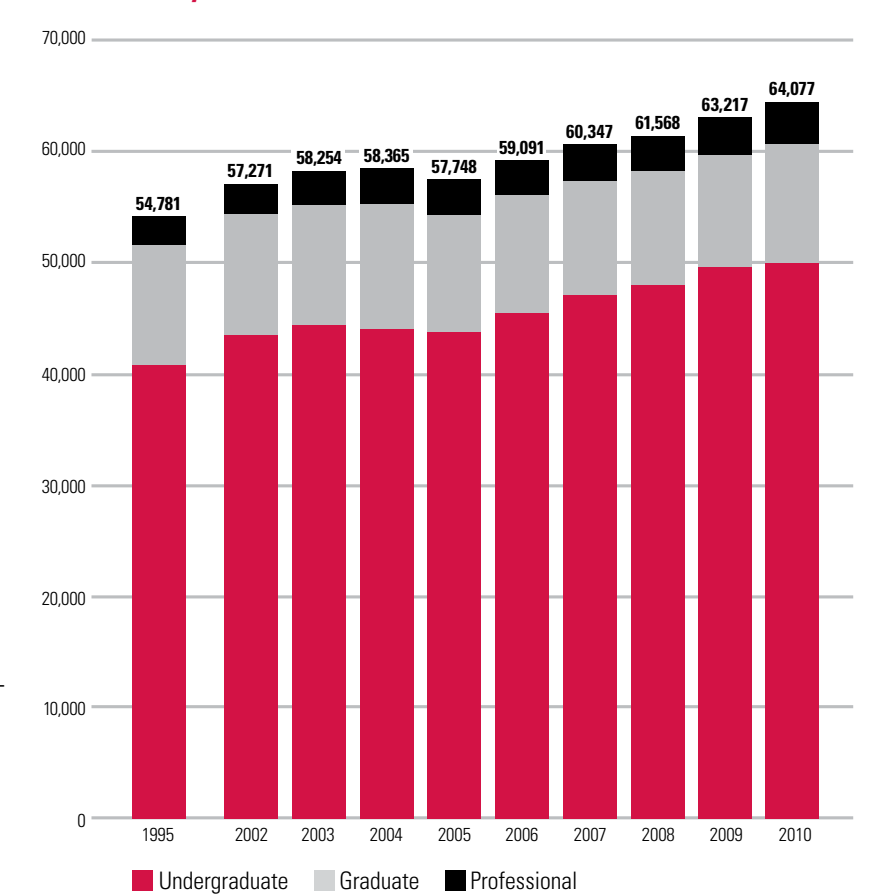
- Each county in the state of Ohio has at least one student at the university, as does each state in the nation. 115 countries are represented.

- Ten percent of our undergraduates are over 25 years old.

- Students now have the opportunity to self-identify as more than one race (creating a two or more race category in our reports).

Visit www.ureg.ohio-state.edu/ourweb/srs/? to learn more about student and course enrollments.

Total university enrollment



Semester updates

The Office of the University Registrar (OUR) is busily working on semester conversion related to courses and classrooms. Much of the last year has been spent redeveloping the **Electronic Course Approval System** to accommodate the new course structure for both the Student Information System (SIS) and the semester conversion. The newly named "Curriculum System" has been expanded to include program submission and approval, and is the only way in which the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) will receive semester curriculum proposals.

Currently, there are over 4,000 courses and over 350 programs at various stages of approval in the new system. Programs in the College of Engineering are currently under review in CAA. A process to filter semester courses from quarter courses in the online catalogue has been developed. Methods of communicating information about converted courses to students, advisors, faculty, and other institutions are currently being reviewed.

Approval of the academic calendar and the weekly class

pattern has allowed OUR to begin planning for classroom utilization. A focus of the weekly class pattern is more standardization of the class schedule, more spread of courses throughout the day, and more use of Fridays as a standard instructional day. These changes allow the university to meet any increased space needs in the semester format.

Courses following one of the approved patterns will be scheduled before exceptions. As courses are submitted, OUR staff are meeting with department scheduling contacts and curricular chairs to begin planning the schedule for autumn 2012. Work has also been completed on the final exam schedule for autumn 2012. The new exam schedule includes a number of features that were requested by faculty and students including spreading exams over a larger number of days and the incorporation of "reading days" that can be used for studying and preparation. Full versions of the academic calendar, weekly schedule, and exam schedule are available at oaa.osu.edu/conversion_documents.html.