Important Information | 2015 - 2016

**Application Deadlines**

2015 Autumn Semester: March 15, 2015
2016 Spring Semester: October 1, 2015

*You must be nominated by your home university, before you receive access to the application.

**Online Application Website**

http://go.osu.edu/FCOBindboundExchange

**Required Documents**

- Proof of Degree (in English, if graduate student)
- Proof of Financial Support Form (Download the from our webpage)
- Bank Statement (in English, showing currency)
- Academic Transcripts (in English)
- Copy of your Passport
- Proof of English Proficiency
- Documents must be scanned as separate PDFs and sent with the application.

**Expected Arrival Date**

Autumn Semester: August 21, 2015
Spring Semester: January 6, 2016

**Immigration Check-In Sessions (Required)**

Before OSU classes start. Sessions are offered from 2-3 weeks before the start date. You must reserve a spot in the sessions online.

**Fisher Orientation Sessions (Required)**

2016 Spring Semester: Jan 8, 2016

**Academic Semester Calendar**

2015 Autumn: Aug 25 to Dec 17, 2015*
2016 Spring: Jan 11 to May 3, 2016*

*Dates include exams

**U.S. Visas**

Incoming exchange students must apply for a J-1 visa at the U.S Embassy or Consulate of their country of permanent residence. Necessary documents will be provided to you for your U.S. visa application after you have completed your application to Fisher College of Business.

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1267.html
OR
http://tvisa.state.gov/

For immigration purposes, students must register to check-in with the OSU Office of International Affairs (OIA) upon arrival on campus. Exchange students are also strongly encouraged to attend a university-wide orientation sessions, however, the Fisher College of Business orientation session is required.
Health Care and Insurance

Health Insurance
All international students are required to purchase the Comprehensive OSU Student Health Insurance Plan and will be automatically enrolled once approved to attend OSU.

Exceptions: International students who are fully financed or sponsored (including tuition, living expenses, medical expenses, etc.) under a government sponsor or a select international organization, or who are covered as a US-based employee, or as a dependent of a US-based employee, under US-based health insurance provided through that employment, may qualify for an exemption from coverage.

Student Health Services
The Wilce Student Health Center at The Ohio State University provides a variety of health care services to the student population. All students enrolled at OSU are eligible to use the health service, regardless of health insurance coverage. The OSU Medical Center is also available for health services.

Housing & Dining

Housing Fees Due
2016 Spring Semester: Jan 4, 2016

Approximate Standard Housing Rates*
$2,000 - $3,000 per semester (subject to change)

Approximate Meal Plan Rates*
$1,500 - $2,000 per semester (subject to change)

*Actual rates will be posted to the OSU Housing website [https://housing.osu.edu](https://housing.osu.edu).

On-Campus Housing
Business international exchange students are strongly urged to apply for on-campus housing at one of the OSU residence halls. Upon admission, you will receive an information packet emailed to your assigned OSU email address. You must activate your OSU email immediately upon Admission to receive this information.

Off-campus Housing
If you decide to live off-campus, the OSU Off-Campus Student Services can assist you in your search for local apartments, sublets, and roommates. The Fisher Exchange Network Facebook page is also a source for sub-lease options of Fisher students traveling on an outbound exchange.

Dining
University Residences and Dining Services have over 20 convenient locations on campus where students can use any of the six dining plans. From quick-service to fast casual to coffee shops to a full-service restaurant, there is a wide variety of appealing and nutritious cuisine available throughout the day.

Classes

Classes at the Ohio State University are graded A to E. One semester credit hour requires 750 contact minutes per credit hour. Most business courses are 3 credit hours (approximately 38 contact hours) if a full semester class; 1.5 credits (approximately 19 contact hours) if a 7-week module; other courses at the university vary. Students can take a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. Students must meet class prerequisites for each requested course prior to submitting course requests.

More information is available on the FAQ section of our website, under the Course and Grade tab: [http://go.osu.edu/FCOBlboundFAQ](http://go.osu.edu/FCOBlboundFAQ)

Undergraduate
Undergraduate exchange students must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours, of which 6 semester credits must be in the following departments: Business Administration (BUSADM), Finance (BUSFIN), Management Science (BUSMGT), Management & HR (BUSMHR), Marketing & Logistics (BUSML), or Accounting & MIS (ACCTMIS). Students are encouraged to select and submit 6 - 8 courses you would like to take while at Fisher College of Business. Average enrollment is between 12-15 semester credits. Click on the link below to search for courses:

[http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/)

Scroll down to Academics, and use the Schedule of Classes (Public Access) link. Undergraduate exchange students cannot take MBA classes. Economics (ECON) is not in the Fisher College of Business; it is located in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. You may take such classes but not as one of the required business classes.

Graduate
Graduate exchange students must enroll in a minimum of 10 semester hours, of which 6 semester credits must be in the following departments: Business Administration (BUSADM), Finance (BUSFIN), Management Science (BUSMGT), Management & HR (BUSMHR), Marketing & Logistics (BUSML), or Accounting & MIS (ACCTMIS). Average enrollment is between 12-15 semester credits. Graduate exchange students cannot enroll in MBA core classes, but have many options to consider in the Elective course selection. Click on the link below and review the Elective course options before submitting your course selections:

[http://fisher.osu.edu/ftmba/academics/majors/](http://fisher.osu.edu/ftmba/academics/majors/)
Fisher Exchange Network (FEN)

FEN is a student organization that pairs incoming international exchange students with Fisher students. Exchange students are assigned one or two Fisher student mentors who assist incoming exchange students in many ways.

**FEN Assistance**
- Meet exchange students at the airport.
- Answer basic questions about student life.
- Show exchange students around the city and campus.
- Invite exchange students to on- and off-campus social and athletic events.
- Participate in welcome and farewell activities.

**Fisher Student Services**

**Fisher’s Graduate Program Office (GPO) / Undergraduate Program and Advising Office (UGPAO)**
The Graduate and Undergraduate Program Offices offer academic advising to business students. They are available to assist admitted students to select and register for classes. However, please send all course requests and questions to the Inbound Coordinator who will connect exchange students to the appropriate academic advisor for courses best suited for exchange students.

**Fisher’s Office of Career Management (OCM)**
As an exchange student, you are able to utilize select career management resources while you are studying at the Fisher College of Business. Online resources that provide information related to resume development, interviewing skills, and job search strategy developments are available via the Office of Career Management website (http://fisher.osu.edu/offices/career-management). In addition, exchange students are encouraged to attend career workshops and career fairs offered throughout the academic year.

**Fisher’s Leadership & Professional Development**
Fisher College of Business was among the very first to launch an outside-the-classroom Leadership & Professional Development (LPD) Program. Our program is led by a faculty team with decades of experience in leadership coaching and development in the corporate sector. In the last year alone, graduate students have had the opportunity to interact with guest speakers such as Lex Wexner (founder and CEO of Limited Brands), Jamie Dimon (CEO of J.P. Morgan), Jeff Immelt (CEO of General Electric) and former Senator Paul Sarbanes. Undergraduate students met Ben Bernanke (Chairman of the Federal Reserve) and Ohio’s governor John Kasich among others.

**Office of International Affairs (OIA)**
The Office of International Affairs is the main international office at OSU and will be administering your student immigration status while in the U.S. If you have any questions regarding your visa or student immigration status while at OSU, contact OIA for advice. (http://oia.osu.edu/)

**Disability Services**
Should you have a condition that requires special coordination for your time at OSU, you will have to register with the Disability Service in the Office of Student Life to accommodate any needs for your disability. You may be asked by the instructor of the class to provide documentation from Disability Service at OSU when requesting special coordination in class or exams. (http://ods.osu.edu/)

**Information Technology Services (ITS)**
Information Technology Services maintains three Fisher College of Business student computing labs, offering over 200 Dell workstations, 24 printers, and a scanner. All classrooms and buildings on campus offer Internet access through Wi-Fi.

**Recreational Sports Facilities**
Five Rec Sports facilities are conveniently located throughout campus with a wide range of operating hours and amenities. Over 70 acres of outdoor facility space also stretch across campus. (http://recsports.osu.edu/)

**Why Fisher College of Business?**

Since 1916, The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business has produced exceptional leaders who meet the challenges of a changing global business environment through creative and effective solutions.

Throughout the history of the Fisher College of Business, the college has delivered innovative and exceptional education to the students who attend by recruiting leading faculty, placing a renewed emphasis on experiential learning, establishing connections with corporate partners, and offering a wide range of global opportunities. As a result, Fisher’s reputation continues to rise and is reflected in rankings which place the college among top business schools in the nation at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Fisher Facilities: http://fisher.osu.edu/about/campus-and-facilities/
World Class Academic Departments: http://fisher.osu.edu/about/strategic-initiatives/world-class-departments/
Action Based Learning: http://fisher.osu.edu/about/strategic-initiatives/action-based-learning/
Turning Ideas to Business: http://fisher.osu.edu/about/strategic-initiatives/turning-ideas-into-business/

**Past Inbound Student Testimonials**
- “It is perfect to experience the real American college life. All around campus there's a very positive atmosphere. Even though I was only in Columbus for 4 months I really felt like a member of this big Buckeye community.” - AU 2013 Inbound Exchange Student
- “The wonderful facilities, the innovative teaching methods, the friendliness.” - AU 2013 Inbound Exchange Student
- “Really enjoyed the very interactive classes which where most of the time very practical.” - AU 2013 Inbound Exchange Student
**Fisher Rankings**

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**Living in Columbus**

WELCOME TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY and COLUMBUS, OHIO

Named after explorer Christopher Columbus, the city was founded in 1812 at the confluence of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers, and assumed the functions of state capital in 1816.

Ohio is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. state in terms of population and GDP. Columbus, which is Ohio’s capital and the 15<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country, is a friendly city of sleek, modern high-rises, and century-old buildings along the banks of the Scioto River.

In addition to being home to one of the finest universities in the nation, its attractions range from a rich visual and performing arts scene to the #1 zoo in the country, exciting sports, fine restaurants, international festivals, and enough specialty shops, outlets, and malls to satisfy even the most avid shoppers.

**Columbus Highlights**

- Center of Science and Industry (COSI): No. 1 Science museum
- Santa Maria: A replica ship docked on the downtown riverfront
- Ohio Theatre, the Palace, and the Great Southern: The three historic downtown theaters
- Columbus Zoo: No. 1 zoo in the nation
- Wide range of festivals and cultural events

**Companies Around Columbus**

Six Fortune 500 companies are headquartered around Columbus including:

- Cardinal Health
- Nationwide
- American Electric Power (AEP)
- Limited Brands
- Momentive Specialty Chemicals
- Big Lots

**Sports**

Sports enthusiasts can choose from a variety of professional and collegiate sports.
- Ohio State Buckeyes (American college football)
- Columbus Crew (major league soccer)
- Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL hockey)
- Columbus Clippers (AAA baseball affiliate of the Cleveland Indians)

**Entertainment**

There are many other locations to shop, dine, and explore.
- German Village: The nation's largest privately restored historic neighborhood
- Short North: An arts district, often referred to as Columbus's version of SoHo located at downtown's northern edge
- Easton Shopping Center: A huge outdoor shopping mall
- Hocking Hills State Park: A State park offering outdoor activities (hiking, canoeing, etc.) and beautiful nature

**Travel from Columbus**

You can fly to three major U.S. cities in less than two hours from Columbus!

- Approx. 2 hours flight to New-York
- Approx. 60 minute flight to Chicago
- Approx. 90 minute flight to Washington, D.C.
- Approx. 90 minutes flight to Toronto, Canada

View the following video/links clips to better understand Columbus and The Ohio State University:

- Welcome to Columbus [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCZ3iEZsbm8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCZ3iEZsbm8)
- Columbus is a Global City [http://vimeo.com/63345423](http://vimeo.com/63345423)
- What Does it Mean to be a Buckeye [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyWqJAeVLv4&feature=player_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyWqJAeVLv4&feature=player_embedded)
- Fisher College of Business Social Media [http://fisher.osu.edu/social-media](http://fisher.osu.edu/social-media)
- OSU Facebook Page [https://www.facebook.com/osu](https://www.facebook.com/osu)