

Jan & Tony's COLLEGE COACHING PROGRAM

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

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The Ohio State University's main campus in the city of Columbus, is the flagship and land grant university and the largest public university in the state of Ohio. "*The*" stands for *tradition, honor and excellence*. The *Buckeyes* are named for the state nut of Ohio. This R1 research university is one of the largest universities in the country. The Columbus campus has 46,000 undergraduates and 11,000 grad students. They are very focused on undergraduate education with an 18:1 student:faculty ratio. 94% of students return for their 2nd year. There are 6 regional campuses and the other 5 campuses are mostly for Ohio residents. Columbus is the capital city with great opportunities for entertainment as well as jobs and internships with government and non-profits. With over 600K living alumni, the alumni network is very engaged and willing to provide opportunities and help with careers. Tradition: Just yell "OH" and you'll get back "IO".

Academics

Engineering and STEM majors are the most popular and the most competitive, along with Nursing. 70-75% of all students participate in internships. There are also coops and research opportunities that are equally important to classroom experience. There are study abroad options in over 200 places including all continents (even Antarctica). Students can travel for a semester, a year, a summer, spring break or in May. Scholarships and grants are available for study abroad.

[STEP](#) is a 2nd year transformational program and provides an opportunity for education beyond the classroom. Students participating in STEP have the opportunity to submit a proposal for a fellowship of up to \$2,000 to use towards a STEP Signature Project. A small group of peers led by a faculty member do a research project that they have developed. They make a proposal and a plan. All students are eligible.

[University Honors Program](#) offers more rigorous courses (like AP/IB), smaller class size (25 max), opportunity to graduate with honors or distinction (by doing research). Honors students may live in honors housing but it's not required.

[Scholars Program](#) allows students to live and learn with others who share the same interests. There are 16 themes to choose from and they do activities together outside of class. It is a 2-year program and they are required to live on campus for the 1st year.

There are additional applications for University Honors or Ohio State Scholars included on the common app. Students must ask to be considered.

Pre-med students – there is no pre-med major but there is pre-med advising. Students often major in biology, chemistry, public health, pharmaceutical sciences, or engineering. The Wexner Medical Center is on campus. For Pre-vet students there are animal science and zoology majors and a Vet school on campus. There is also a large medical center on campus.

Undergraduate Colleges: Each college has its own career center and helps students find internships and coops.

Architecture [Knowlton School \(osu.edu\)](#)

[College of Arts and Sciences | \(osu.edu\)](#) – over 80 majors to choose from including interdisciplinary options and dual majors and minors. This is the largest college.

[Undergraduate Programs | Fisher College of Business \(osu.edu\)](#)

[Dental Hygiene Programs | College of Dentistry | The Ohio State University \(osu.edu\)](#) – offers a 4-year BS in Dental Hygiene.

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[College of Education and Human Ecology](#)

[COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING \(osu.edu\)](#) - High school seniors applying to the Columbus campus are encouraged to submit their complete admission application by the November 1st priority deadline as capacity within Engineering fills quickly. Admitted students enroll as pre-majors and apply to enter the major once prerequisite coursework has been completed.

[Majors | SENR \(osu.edu\)](#) – School of Environment and natural Resources

[Future Freshman | Academic Programs \(ohio-state.edu\)](#) – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

[Undergraduate Programs | School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences \(osu.edu\)](#)

[Undergraduate Degrees | John Glenn \(osu.edu\)](#) College of Public Affairs

[Undergraduate | The Ohio State University College of Nursing \(osu.edu\)](#)

[Undergraduate Programs | The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy \(osu.edu\)](#)

[Undergraduate Programs | College of Public Health | The Ohio State University \(osu.edu\)](#)

[Undergraduate | College of Social Work- The Ohio State University \(osu.edu\)](#)

University Exploration is a very structured program designed for undecided students which exposes them to different majors.

Admission

The First Year Experience programs (FYE) are designed to help students get comfortable on campus and connect with the university. They highlight all the services and resources for students like the free tutoring center, quiet study spaces, dietary needs, and housing accommodations.

Early Action deadline is Nov. 1 (also for engineering, nursing, and merit scholarships) and decisions are made by the end of January.

Regular Decision deadline is January 15 with full consideration for admission; the acceptance rate is similar. But students are only considered for scholarships if they apply by Nov. 1.

Test scores are required for 2025 applications, sent directly from the testing agency, and will superscore the paper and digital SAT and ACT (science not required). Students are admitted into their major, except for engineering and nursing which could admit as pre-majors. Only a select group of the highest performing students, 30-35, are accepted into a direct entry nursing program (separate application).

Nursing is competitive; 3.7-3.8 GPA. If not offered nursing, students can be offered nursing as a pre-major and 75% usually go on to the nursing program.

For engineering, high school students should apply directly to engineering because they limit the number of students to transfer into the program. Most other programs are fine to start in *University Exploration* (undecided) and then transfer into their major. For transferring into majors, data analytics and nursing have pre-requisites. Business major is usually available. Aerospace, biomedical, and computer science are limited majors with selective admissions.

The top majors are engineering, business, and pre-med (biology, etc.). For engineering or business, they are not looking for specific HS classes but students should maximize the rigor available to them with additional math, science, and foreign language classes. If you go above the HS requirements, you are given more consideration.

All students are first admitted to OSU and then receive a letter with acceptance to a particular program along with scholarships, if offered.

Accepted students are usually in the top 25% of their class. ACT 28-32; SAT 1330-1480.

In-state and out-of-state students are accepted at the same rate – 46-47% admit rate. 35% of students come from outside Ohio.

For 2026, they will be more selective as they are looking to bring in a smaller class (8300-8500) and will reduce admits by about 10-15%.

Demonstrated interest is not tracked or used in admissions evaluations.

Athletics and Recreation

The Buckeyes have an exceptional college sports program that consistently claims multiple national titles. OSU had 36 varsity sports, 30 intramural sports, and nearly 60 sports clubs.

There is an active and engaged community with over 1400 clubs and organizations. Each fall there is a fair to expose students to clubs, volunteer work, etc. Marching Band requires a competitive audition in August and is a huge deal on campus.

Residence Life

The residence halls, which house 33 percent of the Ohio State masses, are located in three areas: North, South, and Olentangy (that is, those closest to the Olentangy River). All students must live on campus for 2 years so it is not a commuter campus. There are living-learning communities within the residence halls. Students apply for this based on their interests. Rush for fraternities and sororities is in the 2nd semester of the first year. Students can live in Greek housing for the 2nd year. About 8000 students are in Greek life. The campus is urban but feels very much like a college campus. The city of Columbus is the 14th largest city in the US. It is the state capital with Fortune 500 companies for internships and jobs. There are great neighborhoods, a theater district, restaurants and stores. The airport is a 20-minute ride away and students have access to the city bus system. Ohio is a red state with a deeply blue capital and campus community. Students come from all over the country and the world. There is an active Hillel on campus.

Scholarships, Financial Aid and Cost

[The Morrill Scholarship](#) rewards diversity and inclusivity. There is a separate essay required to apply.

This scholarship awards up to full tuition for in-state or out-of-state students and provides opportunities for students to stay involved. Although the DEI programs on campus have sunset for 2025, there are still student led groups that are active and this scholarship is still being offered.

[National Buckeye Scholarship for non-Ohio residents](#) – up to \$13,500 based on GPA, rigor of HS curriculum and ACT or SAT. All applicants who apply by Nov. 1 will automatically be considered. It can be combined with other scholarships.

[Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program](#) – this is the top program that offers a 4-year full tuition scholarship. There is an additional application process that includes video and essays, due in mid-November. This is for ivy league type students, and they all work together on a project. Stamps Scholars must be in an honors program; honors housing is available but not required.

Out of State Cost of Attendance for 2025-2026 = \$62, 706

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