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# *Graduate and Professional Student Living Guide*

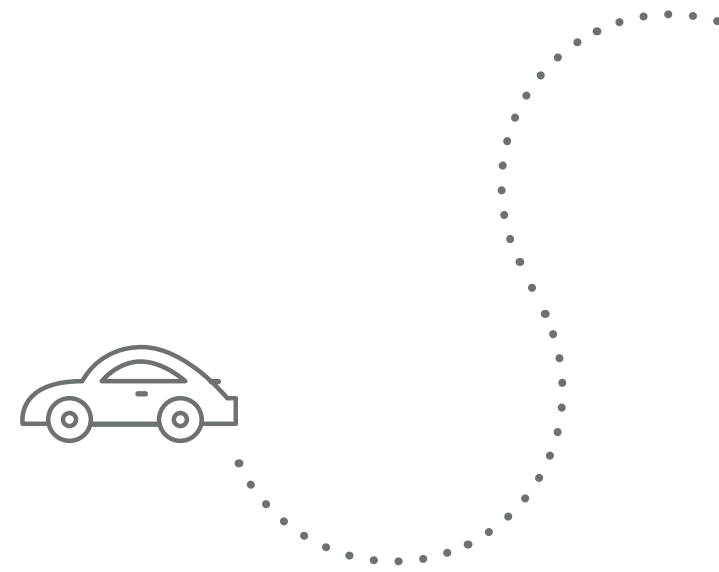


**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE  
OFF-CAMPUS AND  
COMMUTER STUDENT SERVICES**

# Roadmap: Graduate and Professional Student Living Guide

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SECTION 1



# *Introduction*

## OFF-CAMPUS AND COMMUTER STUDENT SERVICES

Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services is a resource center for all things off-campus living and commuting at The Ohio State University. Whether you're not sure where to start looking for housing, want a free home walk-through, or need free safety devices for your home, we are here to support you.

Our mission is to serve off-campus and commuter students by collaborating with stakeholders and providing opportunities to foster involvement, civic engagement and student success to enhance the extraordinary student experience.

### Stop By Our Office: Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services

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Columbus, OH 43210

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## OUR RESOURCES

The best place to start your rental search is right here at Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services!



### HOUSING SEARCH

A tool to explore a wide variety of housing options



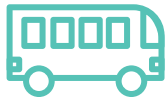
### OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

A safety and sustainability program for off-campus housing



### ROOMMATE AND SUBLET SEARCH

Ads to match compatible roommates



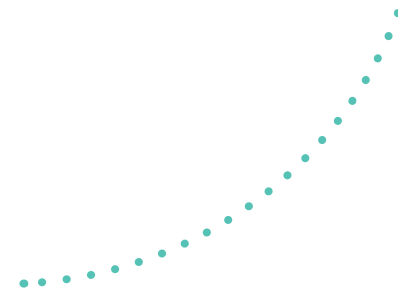
### COMMUTER RESOURCES

Refrigerators, microwaves, cabinets and space to store belongings in the Ohio Union



### USG RENTER'S GUIDE

Student feedback on area property managers

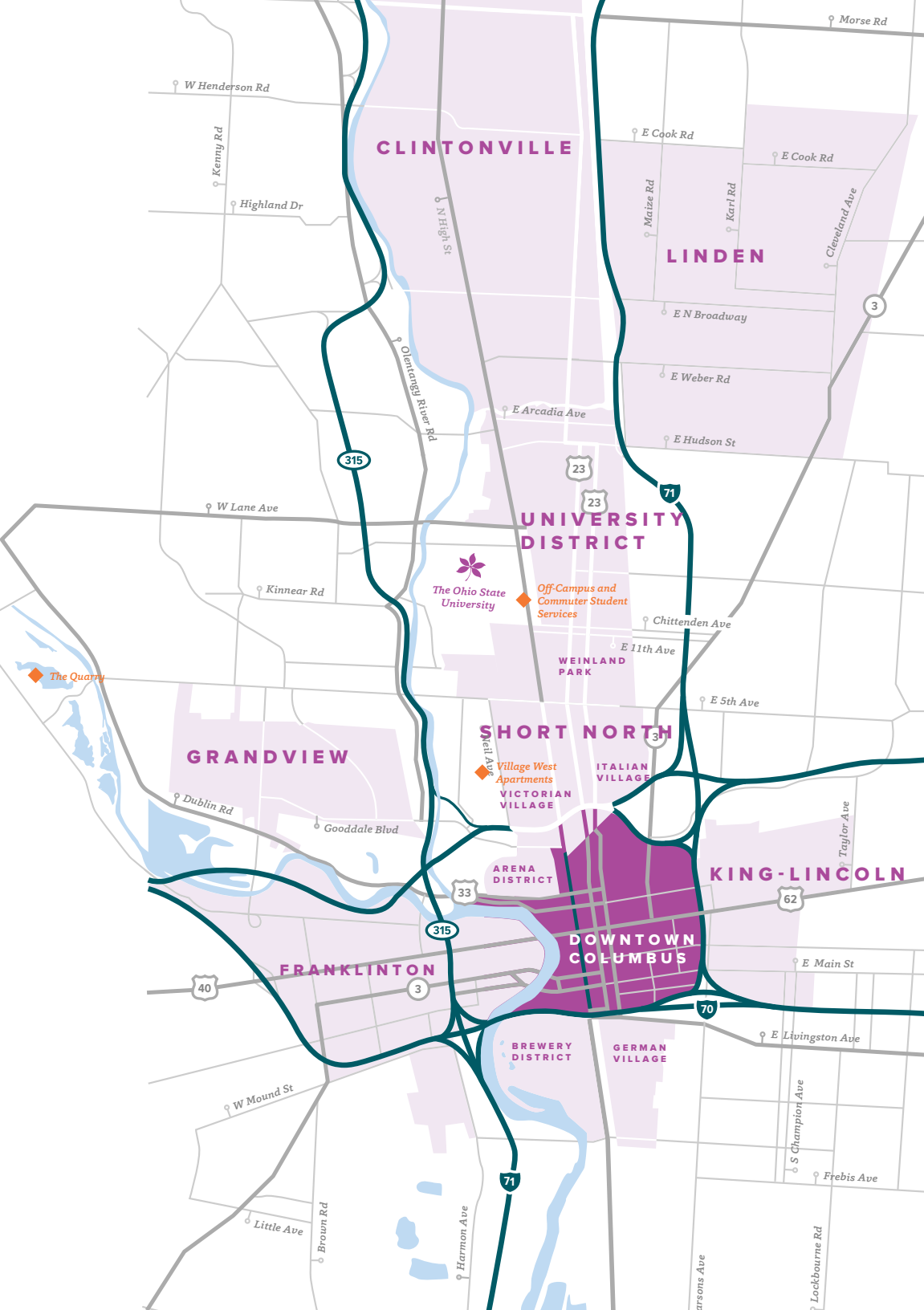




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# *Columbus Neighborhoods*



## *Find us on the map!*

### **OFF-CAMPUS AND COMMUTER STUDENT SERVICES**

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1739 North High St.  
Columbus, OH 43210

### **THE QUARRY**

[thequarryapts.com](http://thequarryapts.com)

2550 Quarry Lake Drive  
Columbus, OH 43204

### **VILLAGE WEST APARTMENTS**

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884 Thurber Drive West  
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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAITS

The following icons represent traits of each neighborhood featured in this guide. Where you see these icons, please take note of the categories below. For even more information on the neighborhoods of Columbus, visit [Experience Columbus](#).



A legend box with a light purple border containing four icons and their corresponding labels:

-  **NEIGHBORHOOD**
-  **LOCAL CULTURE**
-  **COMMUTE**
-  **KEY LOCATION**



## UNIVERSITY DISTRICT



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Young, vibrant community which surrounds the Ohio State campus area. Many Ohio State students choose to live and enjoy in the University District, Columbus' most densely-populated neighborhood.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Gateway Film Center, Newport Music Hall, Wexner Center for the Arts, and a plethora of restaurant options are available within close distance of the Ohio Union.



### COMMUTE

Only a 5-minute walk from campus



STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

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Non-profit legal resource and representation for Ohio State students.

**Campus Commute:** 4-minute walk



## ARENA DISTRICT



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Lively sports culture, home to the Columbus Blue Jackets and Columbus Clippers with abundant nightlife and social hotspots in close proximity to downtown Columbus.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Lively sports culture with various hockey and baseball-themed social scenes, nightlife, and the North Market, Central Ohio's historic public market since 1876, with unique gifts, fresh prepared foods, and regional produce.



### COMMUTE

9-minute drive  
17-minute commute by bus/COTA

## BREWERY DISTRICT



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Historic neighborhood featuring restored architecture with German and Italian styling. Located just south of downtown Columbus, this neighborhood has experienced development of local businesses in a renewed effort to foster community.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Theater and arts, immersive wineries, local artist showcases, and the expansive Scioto Audobon Metro Park with hiking, fishing, and dog parks.



### COMMUTE

12-minute drive  
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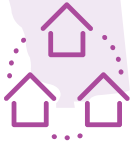
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## CLINTONVILLE



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Tightknit neighborhood with a family-friendly atmosphere and regular community events. Clintonville is located directly north of Ohio State's campus and is home to a wide variety of living options.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Regular farmers' markets are organized with neighborhood vendors in this area which emphasizes local business through cozy restaurants and shops.



### COMMUTE

13-minute drive  
20-minute by bus/COTA



## FRANKLINTON



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Strong sense of community with a focus on inclusive events, locally-owned establishments to dine and study, and an increasingly pedestrian-friendly landscape featuring gorgeous displays of nature and arts.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Family-owned grocery markets; a monthly celebration of arts, science, and community; Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and the Franklin Park Adventure Center.



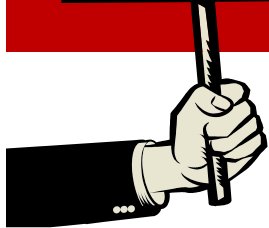
### COMMUTE

9-minute drive  
17-minute commute by bus/COTA



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## GERMAN VILLAGE



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Comfortable neighborhood known for charming brick homes, German culture and architecture, and eccentric local businesses and galleries.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Coffee shops, public parks, dining and entertainment venues in a walkable setting in the heart of downtown Columbus.



### COMMUTE

13-minute drive  
33-minute by bus/COTA

## GRANDVIEW



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Suburb popular with families and young professionals, located southwest of Ohio State's campus near the Wexner Medical Center.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Home to family-friendly community events, popular restaurants, boutiques and a walkable downtown area.



### COMMUTE

11-minute drive  
22-minute by bus/COTA



### THE QUARRY

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## KING-LINCOLN



### NEIGHBORHOOD

A creative neighborhood with a variety of restaurants and entertainment, notable for its community efforts to preserve and celebrate African American history and culture.



### LOCAL CULTURE

King Arts Complex, public libraries, parks, and the beautifully restored King-Lincoln Theatre.



### COMMUTE

10-minute drive  
27-min by bus/COTA

## LINDEN



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Located northeast of the Ohio State University, Linden offers both mainstream and local options for entertainment and dining.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Community recreation centers, public parks, and a variety of residential options for Columbus community members.



### COMMUTE

12-minute drive  
27-minute by bus/COTA

## OLDE TOWNE EAST



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Historic neighborhood with Italian, Victorian, and Queen Anne style homes southeast of downtown Columbus in proximity to Nationwide Children's Hospital.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Home to Olde Towne East Art District, local taverns, community recreations centers, and parks.



### COMMUTE

10-minute drive  
30-minute by bus/COTA

## SHORT NORTH



### NEIGHBORHOOD

A popular neighborhood for upscale dining, shopping, and art, frequented by young professionals and tourists alike, located just south of the Ohio State University.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Home to many of Columbus' most popular restaurants, galleries, cafes, and a lively nightlife.



### COMMUTE

26-minute walk  
7-minute drive  
12-minute by bus/COTA

## VICTORIAN VILLAGE



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Victorian-style neighborhood built with an appealingly urban and historic culture.



### LOCAL CULTURE

The landmark Goodale and Thompson parks, local dining options, and the Columbus Aquatic Center.



### COMMUTE

28-minute walk  
8-minute drive  
10-minute by bus/COTA



### VILLAGE WEST APARTMENTS

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## WEINLAND PARK



### NEIGHBORHOOD

Modern neighborhood full of urban entertainment, local business, and culture.



### LOCAL CULTURE

Weinland Park, Schoenbaum Family Center, book shops, and large amounts of dining options all within close proximity of campus.



### COMMUTE

16-minute walk  
3-minute drive  
10-minute by bus/COTA





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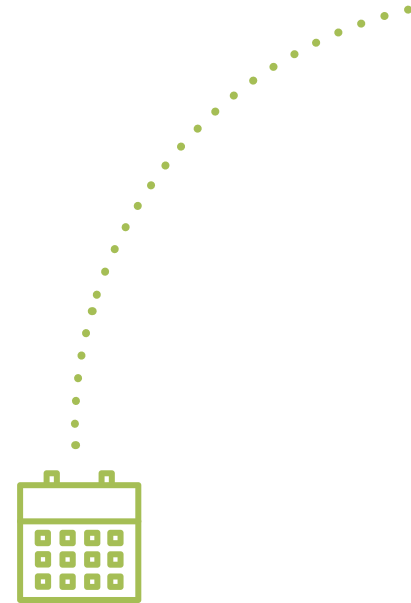
# *Rental Timeline and Tips*

## ACTION STEPS FOR YOUR HOUSING SEARCH

As a graduate or professional student, not only are you taking an important step in your career, but you are also becoming a part of a new community. Creating a personal timeline and checklist of important tasks will support you as you choose the best home and neighborhood for you.

**February – July:** Congratulations! You have accepted the offer to attend The Ohio State University. You have the next few months to research your housing options.

- Create a list of your wants and needs in a home and neighborhood
- Browse Ohio State’s [housing search](#)
- [Search for potential roommates](#) from other graduate and professional programs
- Ask current graduate students about their process – their neighborhood, their property managers, and their overall experience
- Research Columbus neighborhoods to find a neighborhood that fits your needs
- Prepare a list of questions to ask property managers when visiting properties
- Contact property managers directly to set up visits. If you are not in the area, you may ask a current student to visit on your behalf.
- Finalize your lease agreement

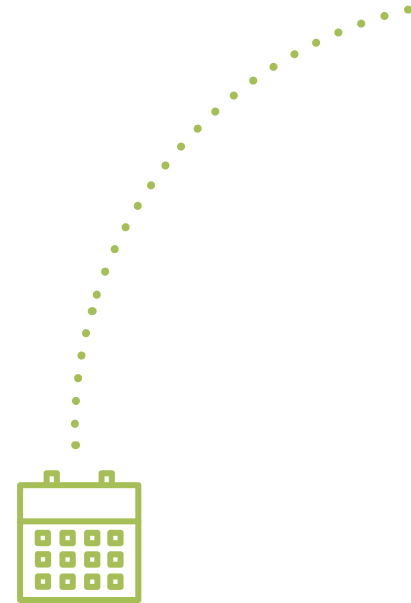


## ACTION STEPS FOR YOUR HOUSING SEARCH (CONTINUED)

**July – August:** It's time to move into your new home. Consider taking the following steps to ensure a comfortable move.

- Take detailed photos of the unit before you move in any items and send them to your property manager. You can refer to them at the end of your lease to compare charges in the security deposit.
- [Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.](#) Contact your property manager to replace any expired batteries or detectors.
- Schedule a lease review with [Student Legal Services](#)
- If you live in the University District, [schedule a home walk-through](#)
- Set up your utilities accounts
- Introduce yourself to your neighbors

**After August:** You're now a member of the Columbus community! Check out the rest of the guide to learn more about how you can have a safe, positive experience as a graduate or professional student at The Ohio State University.



## COLUMBUS LIVING

Being a member of the Columbus community means being engaged with not only your Ohio State network, but also with your neighborhood. Below are a few ways:

### [MyColumbus App](#)

The MyColumbus App provides access to city resources, including COTA bus schedules, service center submissions, trash and recycling notifications, and much more.

### [COTA](#)

All Ohio State students are eligible to ride COTA using their BuckID. Download the [Transit App](#) for real-time bus tracking.

### [Columbus Neighborhood Walking Maps](#)

The City of Columbus offers maps to help you identify where to walk in your neighborhood.

### [City Parking](#)

The City of Columbus offers permit parking zones to prioritize neighborhood parking.



## TIPS FOR FIRST TIME RENTERS

### Understanding your Lease Agreement

The lease agreement will explain the details of your specific relationship with your property manager.

Completing a lease review with [Student Legal Services](#) will outline the rights and responsibilities of a tenant and property manager.

### Tracking Damages

The security deposit serves as your property manager's way to pay for any damages of the property at the end of the lease term. In order to ensure that you are charged only for damages that you create, take photos of any damages that exist when you arrive to the property. Communicate those damages at the beginning of your lease term so that your property manager can resolve them.

### Paying Rent

Property management companies will typically require you to pay your rent and fees using a check or through online payment. You should not pay your property manager in cash because there will not be appropriate record of your payment.

Property managers expect you to pay rent by the agreed upon date. Late payment will often result in additional fees or even eviction.

### Roommates

Communicating expectations with your roommate(s) at the beginning of your lease term can prevent misunderstandings in the future. Check out Student Legal Services' [Roommate Agreement Template](#).

### Budgeting

When budgeting, consider costs aside from rent, such as the security deposit, parking fees, utility costs, and furniture. Make a free appointment with a financial coach at [Scarlet and Gray Financial](#).



## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The Off-Campus Housing Excellence Program is an initiative of The Ohio State University's Office of Student Life in partnership with the Columbus Division of Fire. The program is a comprehensive effort to facilitate education and action toward safety, security, and sustainability in the University District.

### Free Home Walk-Throughs

Any Ohio State student living in the University District can request a [free 20-minute home walk-through](#). A representative from the Office of Student Life and a member of Columbus Division of Fire meets students at their homes for a personalized educational walk-through.

### Benefits of a Home Walk-through:

- Free educational walk-through
- Q&A with home walk-through team
- Free safety devices, smoke alarm batteries, and carbon monoxide detectors
- Personalized report with recommendations to improve safety, security, and sustainability at home





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*Partnered and Family Living*



## CHILDCARE

### [The Ohio State University Child Care Program](#)

Infants through kindergarteners

#### **Two Locations:**

- Ackerman Road (725 Ackerman Rd.)
- Buckeye Village (2724 Defiance Dr.)



### [Office of Diversity and Inclusion Student Parent Resources](#)

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion provides a number of resources to ensure that students who are parents have access to an Ohio State education.

### [The Child Care Access Means Parents in School \(CCAMPIS\) Program](#)

CCAMPIS supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of quality licensed, nationally accredited campus or community childcare services for children 6 weeks to 12 years old.

- Provides you with priority scheduling so you can schedule classes at the times needed allowing you to take care of classes and studying during the day so you can be a full-time parent when you go home.



## PARKS AND PETS

### Parks

- Whetstone Park of Roses
- Scioto Audubon Metro Park
- Goodale Park
- [And more!](#)



### Pets and Pet Adoption

City of Columbus provides [resources](#) for adopting and licensing pets.

### Pet-Friendly Housing

Some property managers choose to allow pets, but typically require a non-refundable pet deposit and a monthly pet fee.

Some pet-friendly housing will have breed restrictions for certain dogs that will be stated in the lease agreement.

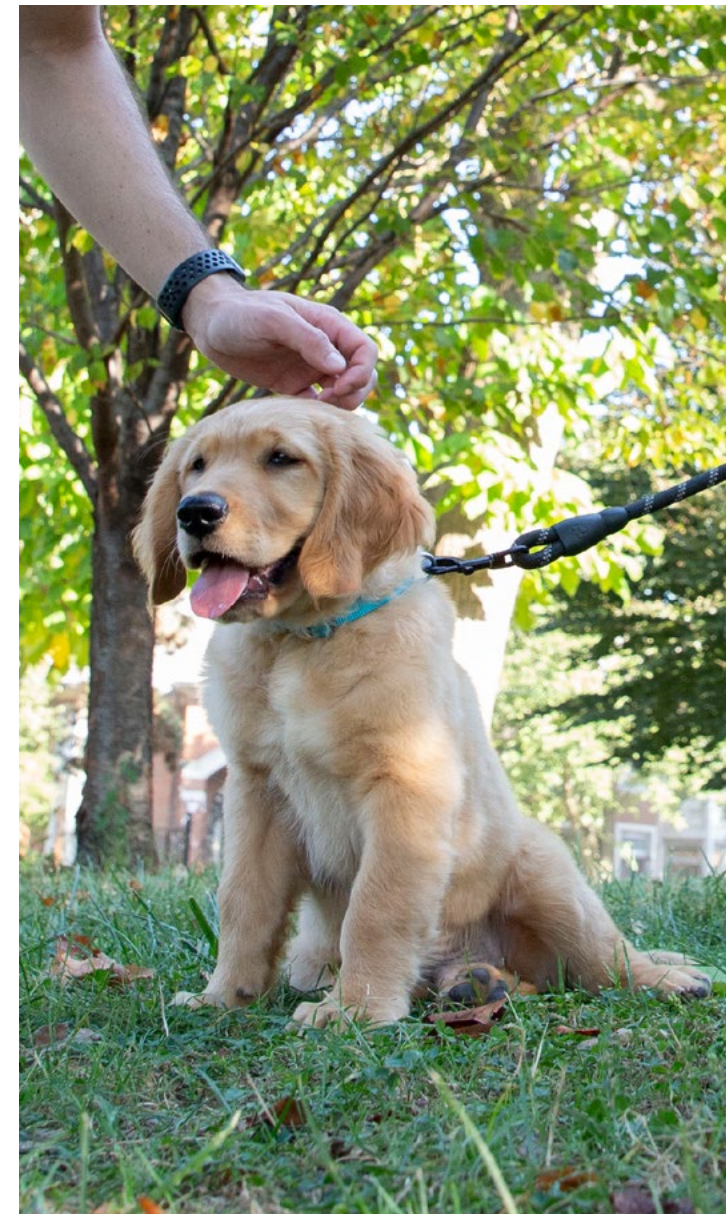
### Service and Emotional Support Animals

For questions about living with service animals or emotional support animals in Columbus, check out the following resources:

[Counseling and Consultation Services](#)

[Disability Services](#)

[Student Legal Services](#)



# TRANSPORTATION

## BUSES

### [Central Ohio Transit Authority \(COTA\)](#)

Provides bus service through the Greater Columbus area ever 15 minutes, all-day, 7 days a week

### [CBUS](#)

Restaurants and shops in the hottest Columbus neighborhoods are accessible via CBUS, COTA's free circulating service

### [AIRCONNECT](#)

John Glenn Columbus airport is easily reached by AIRCONNECT's downtown connector, circulating every 30 minutes

### [The Campus Area Bus Service \(CABS\)](#)

Free transit service provided by The Ohio State University Transportation and Traffic Management

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

### [COGO Bike Share](#)

600+ bikes available in this public transportation system featuring over 70 stations and 24-hour daily availability

### [Scooters](#)

Electric scooters are available for use by pedestrians with mobile app support, providing dock-free mobility that can be found on The Ohio State University's campus or in downtown Columbus

## CARS

### [CampusParc](#)

CampusParc operates The Ohio State University's parking system, including management of the permit system, parking enforcement, customer service, motorist assistance, event parking management, and parking facility maintenance, including major renovations

### [Lyft Ride Smart](#)

Lyft Ride Smart at Ohio State offers eligible students discounted rides, inside the university-designated service area, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

### [City Parking](#)

Large portions of the Columbus city parking can be accessed and paid for using the ParkColumbus mobile app, available for free on all major platforms





SECTION 5



*Graduate Student Bucket List*

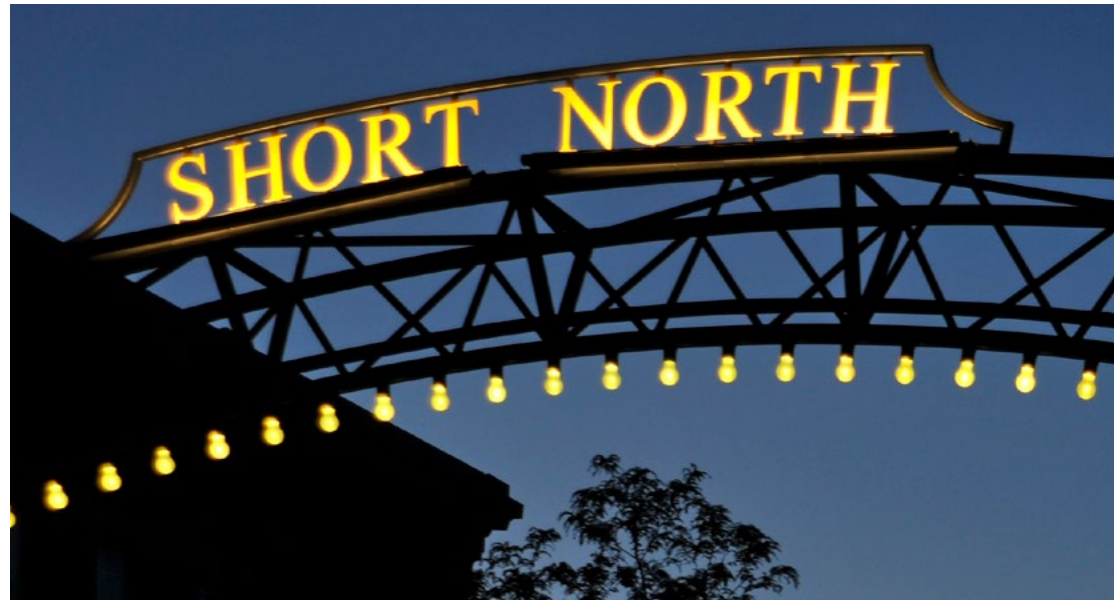
## GET TO KNOW COLUMBUS

There is so much to do and explore in Columbus. Here's a bucket list of fun activities to do before you graduate:

- Attend an Ohio State [athletics event](#). Go Buckeyes!
- Visit and eat at the [North Market](#)
- Complete the [Columbus Coffee Experience](#) and get a free t-shirt or mug
- Visit the [Short North Arts District](#) and explore local businesses
- Attend a festival at [Bicentennial Park](#)
- Check out [Scioto Mile](#) on the riverfront
- Attend a film festival at [Gateway Film Center](#)
- See a concert at [Schottenstein Center](#)
- Check out [Columbus Sports](#): attend a Clippers, Crew or Blue Jackets Game
- Visit [Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#)
- See a show at the [Ohio Theater](#)

### Add Your Own List Items!

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