

GETTING STARTED IN WOOSTER

Getting to Wooster via Air

If you are arriving by airplane, you may arrive at one of three following airports. Check with your host supervisor to make arrangements for transportation from the airport to Wooster.

Akron-Canton Airport (code: CAK)

An approximately 45-minute drive on 4-lane roads from OSU Wooster, IF there are no traffic or construction delays.

BUT this airport has fewer connections from larger airports, so if your flight to/from here is delayed or cancelled you will likely have to wait longer.

akroncantonairport.com

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (code: CLE)

An approximately 60-minute drive, mostly on Interstate Highway 71, IF there are no traffic or construction delays.

clevelandairport.com

John Glenn Columbus International Airport

(code: CMH) An approximately 90-minute drive on 4-lane roads, IF there are no traffic or construction delays. Some people in your program may prefer to pick you up at this airport, although it is further away, if they are going to Columbus anyway for other OSU reasons.

flycolumbus.com

Airport Transportation

Wooster Transit

woostertransit.com/airport-transportation/

Contact them as far in advance as possible.

How to Get Around Wooster

Taxis

Several taxi companies in Wooster are in flux. Many students use ridesharing apps such as **Lyft** and **Uber**. It is advisable to tip the driver 10%-15% of the fare unless service is not good.

Buses

The city bus system is called the **Wooster Transit** woostertransit.com. It is free to ride with a university identification card called the BuckID.

Driver's license information:

oia.osu.edu/units/international-scholars/important-information/driving/

Wayne County DR #8514

200 Vanover St., Suite 3, Wooster

Mon-Fri 8 am - 5 pm Sat 8 am - 12 pm

Phone: (330) 287-5640

- Class D and motorcycle knowledge testing.
- One-stop shopping with County Clerk of Courts Title Office
- Temporary Permit Knowledge Testing

For the test in a vehicle, the Wayne County DX, 340 South Market Street, Wooster is **temporarily closed**.

The nearest testing sites are:

-Summit County (DX)

21 5th Street SE, Barberton, Ohio, 44203

38 minutes (27.6 miles) northeast of our campus

-Richland County (DX)

2012 West 4th Street, Ontario, Ohio, 44906

37 minutes (35.8 miles) west of our campus

The person taking the skills test must be accompanied by an adult licensed driver in the passenger seat for the entire test.

Cars

Driving a car in Wooster requires that you get an Ohio Driver's license. A valid International Driver's License is **NOT** sufficient proof of validity to drive because you are considered a resident for driving purposes and not a tourist. To study for the driver's license written test, get a copy of the *Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicles Laws* handbook at <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/forms-general.aspx>

Bikes

Riding a bike on the city streets can be challenging with many cars so learning the traffic rules and how to share the road with cars is essential. Campus bike safety is also helpful to know.

ttm.osu.edu/bicycles

Wooster Bike: Find the Wooster Bike Crew, a Scouting organization also open to adults; the Wooster Bike Party, a Friday evening group ride around town on Facebook or the website or email below. \$150 bicycles are available. [wooster-bike.net/wooster-bike.net/](http://wooster-bike.net) **Martin Lubell.11@osu.edu**

Finding Temporary and Permanent Housing

Hotels

Some hotels located closest to the OARDC campus:

Hilton Garden Inn

959 Dover Road
Wooster, OH 44691
330-202-7701

gardeninn.hilton.com

Comfort Suites

965 Dover Road
Wooster, OH 44691
330-439-0190

choicehotels.com

Best Western Hotel

243 East Liberty Street
Wooster, OH 44691
330-264-7750

BestWestern.com

Permanent Housing

We suggest you make your final decision on housing after you arrive in Wooster to ensure you are making the best selection. The **OARDC Scholars** is an organization that assists scholars and their website includes a listing of permanent housing options available in Wooster. You can find more information about the group and available housing at oardc.osu.edu/scholars.

Utilities

You may need to contact the utilities below to establish service beginning with the date you move in. There are several companies that offer electric and gas service and three companies are listed below. The city of Wooster is responsible for water service.

Electricity

AEP Ohio
1-800-672-2231
aepohio.com

Gas Services

Columbia Gas of Ohio
800-362-7557
columbiagasohio.com

Dominion Energy
800-440-6111
dominionenergy.com

Water Service

City of Wooster
330-263-5228
woosteroh.com/wcs.php

Home Phone, Internet and Cable

Highly-rated companies that offer internet, TV cable and home phone services throughout Wooster:

MCTV

1-330-828-4100
mctvohio.com

CenturyLink

1-866-642-0444
centurylink.com

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Arriving on Campus

Go to Your Host Department

Visit your host department after you arrive in Wooster. The department's Human Resource Professional will assist you in getting a University Identification Card and help you with matters related to employment if applicable.

Checking-in and Orientation

Attend the **Check-in and Orientation** session at OARDC's Office of Human Resources. Contact Jane Douglas at **Douglas.170@osu.edu** or at **330-263-3608** to schedule your session. **Bring your passport, DS-2019 form(s), and I-94 information to the session.** Orientation will include information on immigration regulations and much more.

Visit OARDC's website at **oardc.osu.edu** where you can find additional information about the campus. Click on the 'About' tab, then "Visit Us" to find a map of campus and directions to the campus. You can find more at **wooster.osu.edu**

If you would like to know more about The Ohio State University, including directions to the Columbus campus, campus maps, a building index, virtual tours, parking and history can be found at **osu.edu/visitors**

Attend Orientation and Check-In at the Office of Human Resources within 20 days of the start date listed on your DS-2019 form.

Enroll in a Health Insurance Plan

Enclosed is handout entitled, *Preparing for U.S. Health Care and Insurance*, which will assist you with information. Also, your official "*Letter of Invitation*" from your host department will inform you about which health insurance plan(s) you are eligible to select. If you are eligible to enroll in one of the University's health plans or the Nationwide Children's Hospital's health plan, you will receive enrollment information after you arrive in Wooster.

All scholars are eligible for the **Gallagher Accident & Sickness** plan hereafter referred to as the **Gallagher A&S**. You may find more information about the Gallagher A&S plan at **www.oia.osu.edu** and click the **International Scholars** tab, click on *J-1 Visiting Scholars*, and click on *Required Health Insurance*. If you select one of the Gallagher Plans, enroll on-line using a credit card using this same website.

What to Expect for Weather

Wooster weather includes four seasons and a variety of temperatures through the year. You will need a heavy coat, hat, scarf and gloves for the winter season and a lighter coat for spring and autumn seasons. The seasons and average temperature ranges are:

Winter (Dec-March)	20 to 40 Fahrenheit / -7 to +4 Celsius
Spring (March-June)	30 to 70 Fahrenheit / 15 to 20 Celsius
Summer (June-Sept.)	60 to 85 Fahrenheit / 2 to 25 Celsius
Autumn (Sept-Dec.)	35 to 77 Fahrenheit / 2 to 25 Celsius

Learn More about Wooster

Learn about city events, hotels, restaurants, shopping and more at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce's website at **wosterchamber.com** and the Wayne County Convention and Visitors Bureau's website at **waynecountrycvb.org**.

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Enrolling Children in School

School-age children joining you in the UNITED STATES in J-2 status may enroll in the public school system. Children can attend the public school in the school district where you will live in Wooster. To enroll your children, you will need their birth certificate, immunization records and proof of local address. For more information on the public school districts in the Wooster area go to:

woostercityschools.org.

Finding a Bank

The Official Consumer Bank of the University is **Huntington Bank** - huntington.com/osu.
The branch closest to campus is:

Wooster Branch

135 E Liberty St
Wooster, OH 44691
(330) 263-3230

Getting a Mobile Phone—called a cell(ular) phone in the US

Cell phone services are a highly competitive business. Search the internet and talk with friends about their experiences. Listed below are only a few options:

T-Mobile
offers discount to OSU people
and data & text allowances
in most countries
3943 Burbank Road
330-331-9940
t-mobile.com

AT&T
4389 Burbank Road, Unit 90-B
330-3451606
att.com

Verizon Wireless
4050 Burbank Road
330-345-6465
verizonwireless.com

Need More Help?

Jason Owens
International Coordinator at the Wooster Campus
Wooster Science Building, 2nd Floor, Wooster
owens.1132@osu.edu telephone 330-202-3581

International Students and Scholars is a unit within the **Office of International Affairs** that provides assistance to you during your stay. Our reception desk is in room **140 Enarson Classroom Building at 2009 Millikin Ave., Columbus, OH 43210**. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday during the academic year and 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. during the summer.

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