

NEW STUDENT

Trail Guide

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Welcome to OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

From its founding, Ohio Christian University has been committed to rigorous and open inquiry with a shared understanding that commitment to the Word of God is the defining feature of the University.

We understand that “all truth is God’s truth” and, therefore, are open to the wide variety of contributions that come from research and discovery, as well as corporate worship and cultural engagement.

As you embark on this next journey, remember that at Ohio Christian University you will also learn to understand how this adventure fits into the larger story of God’s love and His plan for your life. You will be advised by faculty mentors, challenged to think deeply, and encouraged by a community of learners dedicated to your academic achievement as well as your spiritual formation. More importantly, you will get to know the Author of your story ... and all stories. It has never been a better time to be at Ohio Christian University – we look forward to welcoming you!



Our Mission

Ohio Christian University prepares students to serve effectively
in the church and society by providing a holistic,
Christ-centered, biblically integrated education in the Wesleyan tradition.

504-Compliance

Ohio Christian University is committed to its entire student body. The 504 Compliance Officer is responsible for coordinating OCU's efforts in complying with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the University's duty to address any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination or denial of equal access. Information and forms can be located via the following ohiochristian.edu/about/nondiscriminatory-policy.

Additionally, questions or comments may be directed to: Ohio Christian University, Attn: 504 Compliance Officer, 1476 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, OH 43113. Phone Number: 740-477-7803. Fax Number: 866-510-2708. Complianceofficer@ohiochristian.edu



How can we help you? OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Drop by or contact us to...

- Register for classes
- Verify enrollment
- Change your schedule
- Confirm athletic eligibility
- Get documents you need
- Request transcripts

Hours

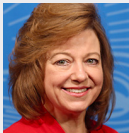
Monday-Friday 8:00am–4:30pm



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Gwen Whitehead, Assistant Registrar
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my.ohiochristian.edu/registrar | registrar@ohiochristian.edu
Registrar Helpdesk: 740.477.7780 | Text: 740.500.0465
Fax: 887.833.9910

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Team would like to welcome you to campus! We want you to know that we are here for you! Our team is eager to help you manage your school costs and finances in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to come see us or contact us by phone or e-mail. We look forward to working with you this year!



Brandon Ritchey,
Executive Director of Financial Aid
britchey@ohiochristian.edu | 740.420.5944



Jessica Roaden,
Assistant Director of Financial Aid
jroaden@ohiochristian.edu | 740.497.4586



Nita Surbaugh,
Financial Aid Assistant
jsurbaugh@ohiochristian.edu | 740.477.7716

Hours & Location

Monday-Friday 8:30am–5:00pm,
Graham Administration Building
Text: 740.420.5944 | finaid@ohiochristian.edu

Need help with technology?



We're here to help you!

Logins, Mircrosoft Office setup, and internet connectivity.

Email: blazertech@ohiochristian.edu | Website: it.ohiochristian.edu

Phone: 740.420.5907

BLAZERTECH HOURS:

MON - FRI

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SAT - SUN

Closed

Located on the 2nd floor of the Maxwell Library

SECURITY

The Security Department is a 24 hour department whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life and provide a safe environment of higher education for university students, staff and faculty.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY HOURS & LOCATION

Office hours are Monday-Friday
9:00am–5:00pm

Located on the 2nd Floor of the
Dean & Diana Hickman Student
Center, beside Student Development

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

The Security Department is hereto serve you in the following areas:

- Replacement of university I.D.s (\$25)
- Information regarding the status of any parking citations or appeals
- Campus Lost and Found
- Clarification of handbook policies regarding the Security Department
- After-hours Safety Escort
- Rave alert issues



Recreational Internet Use

You can connect your entertainment devices to the university internet via Wi-Fi or hard-wired. Your laptops, phones, and tablets can connect to OCUNet by using your OCU login. If you cannot access the network ports in your room, or your device doesn't have that option, use the QR code above to fill out our "Entertainment Device" form where we will connect your TV, game console, Roku, Apple TV, or any similar devices to Wi-Fi. Please always use the university network respectfully and responsibly.

SECURITY CAN BE CONTACTED | 740.412.5337

REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLE IS EASY!

Stop by the Security Office to complete the registration form and pick up a sticker for your car. Cost is \$10 for the entire academic year!

NOTIFICATION NETWORK

OCU uses the Rave Emergency Alert System. In the case of an emergency on campus, you will receive a phone call, text message and/or email alerting you of the situation. Please see the Security team if you have any issues receiving your Rave alerts.

CONTACT INFO | my.ohiochristian.edu/security

Contact 24/7 740.420.5937

Email security@ohiochristian.edu

Fax 740.833.9910

Maxwell Library

ohiochristian.edu/myocu/ocu-library/maxwell-library

HOURS

Mon 7:30 am – 11:00 pm // Tue, Wed, Thu 7:30 am – 10:00 pm // Fri 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

The Maxwell Library staff is dedicated to providing students the support and resources needed for successful, scholarly university studies. We are here to field your questions, guide your research process, help with locating appropriate resources and provide study/meeting spaces for both your individual and group activities.

LIBRARY CARDS

Your OCU ID serves as your library card. The 14 digit barcode number printed on the card provides access to both OCU and OhioLINK's electronic and physical resources. Privileges begin upon issuance.

RESOURCES

- 59,000 print books in OCU's catalog
- 35,000 ebooks owned by OCU
- Through OhioLINK:
 - More than 38 million books and other library materials
 - More than 100 electronic research databases
 - 37 million electronic journal articles
 - 241,000 e-books
 - Nearly 85,000 images, videos, and sounds
 - More than 100,000 theses and dissertations



maxwell.library.ocu

LIBRARY CATALOG

ohiochristian.edu/myocu/ocu-library/maxwell-library

OCU's Discovery Search Service provides a modern day search engine experience tailored to the academic environment. In a single search, students can navigate multiple resources and resource types, discovering both full-text, scholarly electronic content and physical items held by other OhioLINK member libraries.

COMPUTER AVAILABILITY

The library houses 22 computers and 1 high-performance printer on the main floor of Maxwell Library.



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University Mailroom

mailroom@ohiochristian.edu | 740.477.7756

HOURS

Mon - Thu 9:00 am - 5:00 pm // Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm // Sat 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The mailroom is located inside The Connection Bookstore within the Student Center. The mailroom sells stamps, envelopes and boxes, and packing materials and shipping tape are available for use.

If a student receives a package with a tracking number, the mailroom will send a notification email to the student's OCU email account upon arrival. If the package is too large to fit into the combination mailbox it will be held for pickup in the mailroom. Mailroom staff will only release mail to the individual to whom it is addressed. Student ID is required to pick up mail and packages.

MAILBOXES

Every student, residential and commuter, receives a combination mailbox. Mailboxes are located in the Maxwell Center in front of the auxiliary gym. All students have the ability to send and receive mail and packages.

WHAT IS MY OCU ADDRESS?

First and Last name
Mailbox Box#
1476 Lancaster Pike
Circleville OH 43113

THE MAILROOM SELLS...

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| ✓ stamps | ✓ packing material |
| ✓ envelopes | ✓ shipping tape |
| ✓ boxes | |



Student Development

CAMPUS LIFE

The Office of Student Development is here to assist you on your journey as a Traditional student and provide you a way to get connected to people and events on campus. The Residence Life team is trained to guide students through their time as students at OCU. They work to help students live well in community, be engaged to campus, and mentor students toward their God-given calling in life. The Commuter Student Coordinator's role is designed to assist and connect commuter students to campus events, opportunities and ministries outside the classroom.

The Student Engagement team focuses on engages students in activities, programs, and events that guide them to a vision of the "good life" through Christian community. SE offers campus wide activities, the HUB game room, the lounge/study areas around the Hickman Student Center, and the WGM Student Center. Services offered are community building activities, career development, off-campus study experiences, campus recreation, and more!

Spiritual Formation is here to assist you in your spiritual journey during your time here on campus. All spiritual formation attendances can be earned through chapel, Awaken, or Global Café. A total of 27 attendances must be recorded to successfully meet the requirement each semester.



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Mark your Calendars!

JANUARY

- 10 New Year's Party
- 19 Staff vs Student
- 26 Winter Coffeehouse

FEBRUARY

- 11 Super Bowl
- 23 Lip Sync Battle

MARCH

- 11-15 Spring Break

APRIL

- 05 Mr. & Mrs.
- 11 Church Service Day
- 29 Late Night Breakfast

MAY

- 04 Commencement



Student Involvement Council

The Student Involvement Council's (SIC) vision is to enrich campus with holistic events, create opportunity for community, and empower students towards leadership opportunity.

SIC will accomplish this by providing many activities throughout the school year that create opportunities to get involved with campus life.

Look for our advertisements across campus with posters, videos, weekly emails, and much more. Following SIC on social media is the best way to keep up with everything going on — Instagram [@ocu_sic](https://www.instagram.com/ocu_sic).

SIC is a team of student leaders who, together, provide programming for weekend activities, career development, and more! They assist Student engagement in overseeing The HUB, Hickman Student Center, and the WGM Student Center. To find out more information, visit the office of Student Development or the HUB during open hours.

The interview process for positions on SIC open in the Spring semester by Spring Break. Look for more information in the Student Newsletter, on Chapel screens, or ask a member of SIC.

Timely Care

Timely Care is one of the leading virtual health and well-being solutions for higher education that offers a complete care solution for campus health. Students have access to:

TALK NOW

Unlimited 24/7, on-demand mental health support, coaching, and crisis management all available in as little as 5 minutes.

SCHEDULED COUNSELING

Students may schedule appointments with the providers of their choice, at times that work for them, typically within 7 days.

SELF - CARE CONTENT/ON-DEMAND

self-care content designed to foster a sense of calm in students, including breathing-and-stretching exercises, meditation, and conversations on topics from healthy relationships to the importance of rest.

HEALTH COACHING

Personal health coaching for students that supports lifestyle changes, healthy habits, and the transition from home to campus life.

Timely Care is a student-centered platform that is designed for digital natives. Our comprehensive solution offers on-demand access to mental health and medical care and a diverse, culturally competent provider network. Signing up is free and easy by using the link: **TimelyCare.com/OCU**

If you experience problems with the app or wish to know more, reach out to Alex Schneider (aschneider@ohiochristian.edu) in the Student Development office for more assistance.



Two minds better than one?



VISIT THE BRIDGE TUTORING CENTER

A significant part of your university experience is centered on your academic enrichment. The Bridge Tutoring Center is committed to your academic success and offers a variety of support services to help you reach your academic goals.

ACADEMIC COACHING

Academic coaching provides students with a peer mentor who will help you navigate your courses and develop good time management and study skills. Academic coaches can meet with you on an individual basis and customize the session according to your specific needs.

ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING

One-on-one tutoring is a free service available for all subjects. Appointments can be made by visiting the office of the Director of Academic Services located on the first floor of the library in the Academic Services Hallway.

JOHN AND SHERRY TAYLOR MATH LAB

Devoted to the students of Ohio Christian, John and Sherry Taylor dedicated their lives to help OCU students succeed in all areas but were extremely passionate about math literacy and success. The Math Lab was created by Sherry Taylor while she was Director of the Bridge in 2016. The John and Sherry Taylor Math Lab provides you with all of your quantitative and qualitative math-based courses.



Additional services provided by Academic Services

TAKE NOTE OF THE WRITING CENTER

Much of university course work involves writing, and the tutors at the Writing Center will assist you in becoming a better writer. Need help . . .

- *understanding a writing assignment?*
- *selecting a topic?*
- *organizing an outline?*
- *locating research?*
- *developing ideas?*
- *revising language?*
- *editing for correctness?*
- *understanding APA Documentation?*

Come to the Writing Center, where trained tutors will provide one-on-one assistance with your writing assignments.

my.ohiochristian.edu/academics/academic-support-services
Facebook.com/TheBridgeTutoringCenter

writingcenter@ohiochristian.edu
my.ohiochristian.edu/writingcenter
Facebook.com/OCUWritingCenter



Who's Got Talent?

SERVE WITH

Vocal & Instrumental Groups

Chamber Singers University Chorale

Contact: Dione Bennett
dbennett1@ohiochristian.edu

OCU Strings

Contact: Linda Stieg
lstieg@ohiochristian.edu

OCU Orchestra

Contact: Roger Stieg
rstieg@ohiochristian.edu



OhioChristianUniversityMusicDept
MusicDeptOCU
[musicdeptocu](https://www.facebook.com/musicdeptocu)





YOUR GIFTS

University Band | Jazz Band | Pep Band

Contact: Erin Meissner
emeissner@ohiochristian.edu

Chapel Teams and Worship Collective

Contact: Wayne Pessia
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Drama Team

Contact: Alana Bradley
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Academic Information

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School of Social & Behavioral Sciences

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Hickman Student Center, 2nd Floor



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ONLINE AT
WWW.OCUGEAR.COM
FOR YOUR
OCU APPAREL**



OCU Directory

Student Development

Hickman Student Center,
2ND Floor
740.477.7702

Financial Aid

Graham Administration Building,
2ND Floor
740.420.5944

Registrar's Office

Johnson Hall, 2ND Floor
740.477.7780

Bookstore

Hickman Student Center
740.420.5928

Mailroom

Hickman Student Center
(inside the Bookstore)
740.477.7756

Maxwell Library

740.477.7737

Campus Security

Hickman Student Center,
2ND Floor
740.412.5337

IT Helpdesk

Maxwell Library, 2ND Floor
740.420.5907

Traditional Admissions

Johnson Hall, 1ST Floor
740.477.7701

Marketing Communications

Johnson Hall, 2ND Floor
marketing@ohiochristian.edu
740.477.7815

Office of Campus Admissions

Welcome Center/Johnson Hall
740.477.7701

Conference Services

Ministry & Performing Arts Center
740.477.4519

Custodial Services

Executive Center, 1ST Floor
740.412.0726

Campus Dining Services

Hickman Student Center
740.477.7742

Office of University Advancement

Executive Center, 2ND Floor
740.478.2296

Office of Provost

Executive Center, 2ND Floor
740.477.7729

Office of President

Executive Center, 2ND Floor
740.477.7713

Vital Medical Info

AREA HOSPITALS

Adena Health System

272 Hospital Road, Chillicothe, OH
740.779.7500

Ohio Health Berger Hospital

600 N. Pickaway St., Circleville, OH
888.477.8818

Fairfield Medical Center

401 N. Ewing St., Lancaster, OH
740.687.8000

PHYSICIANS

(GENERAL PRACTITIONER)

Circleville Family Health

140 Morris Rd., Circleville, OH
740.474.8818

Northridge Family Practice

610 Northridge Rd., Circleville, OH
740.474.3159

Pickaway Medical Group

1180 N. Court St., Circleville, OH
740.474.2174

OPTOMETRISTS

ICare Vision Center

1180 N Court St
740.477.2504

Kline Vision Inc

1340 N Court St
740.477.3937

Walmart Vision

159 E. Main St., Circleville, OH
740.477.3678

PHARMACIES

CVS Pharmacy

205 E. Main St., Circleville, OH
740.420.3137

Kroger Pharmacy

175 Lancaster Pk., Circleville, OH
740.477.5763

Schieber Family Pharmacy

212 Lancaster Pk., Circleville, OH
740.474.1971

Walmart Pharmacy

1470 Lancaster Pk., Circleville, OH
740.474.9898

DENTISTS

North Court Family Dentistry

1412 N. Court St., Circleville, OH
740.474.3861

Drs. Ely, Dubos & Stewart General Dentistry

1200 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, OH
740.474.1900

Comfort Dental

915 S Court St
740.334.4116

Banking and Lodging

LOCAL BANKING

Fifth Third Bank

159 E. Main St., Circleville, OH
740.474.6081

US Bank

166 E. Main St., Circleville, OH
740.474.2161

PNC Bank

136 E. Main St., Circleville, OH
740.474.8891

Chase

100 E. Main St., Circleville, OH
740.474.8811

Savings Bank

118 N. Court St., Circleville, OH
740.474.3191

Huntington Bank

1425 S. Court St., Circleville, OH
740.477.3051

Kingston National Bank

301 N Court St, Circleville, OH
740.474.2222

LOCAL LODGING

Holiday Inn Express

23911 U.S. 23, Circleville, OH
740.420.7711

Budget Host Inn

23897 U.S. 23, Circleville, OH
740.474.6006

Quality Inn

24517 U.S. 23, Circleville, OH
740.477.6116

Hampton Inn Circleville

1520 S Court St
740.248.5269



CIRCLEVILLE CHURCHES

Circleville First Baptist Church

1540 N. Court Street
740.474.6074

Circleville First Church of Christ in Christian Union

436 Ohio St.
740.474.2250

Heritage Nazarene Church

2264 Walnut Creek Pike
740.474.7350

Logan Elm Baptist Church

22530 Bolender Pontius Rd.
740.474.1614

Community United Methodist Church

120 N Pickaway St.
740.474.4796

Vineyard Church Circleville

152 W. Main Street

Crossroads Church

5679 Tarlton Road
740.474.7265

CIRCLEVILLE RESTAURANTS

Coffee & Bakery

Joyhouse
Lindsey's Bake Shop
Scioto Valley Coffee
Starbucks
Tim Horton's

Fast Food

Arby's
Burger King
Captain D's
Del Taco
Hardee's
Jersey Mike's
Jimmy Johns
KFC & Long John Silver
McDonald's
Rax
Sonic

Subway
Taco Bell
Wendy's
White Castle

Ice Cream

Dairy Shed
Dairy Queen
Wittich's Candy

Pizza

Cristy's Pizza
Domino's
Donatos
Little Caesars
Pizza Cottage
Pizza Hut
Zanzi's Pizza

Restaurants

Bob Evans
Buffalo Wild Wings
Chipotle
Circleville Nutrition
City Barbeque
El Palomar
El Pedregal Mexican
Gibby's Eatery
Goodwin's
Grand Buffet
HOKKAIDO Sushi
& Hibachi
Los Mariachis
Panda Express
Richie's New York Deli
Rooster's
Watt Street Tavern

CIRCLEVILLE GYMS

Snap Fitness

1186 N Court St
740.420.7627

Anytime Fitness

23585-23591 US 23
740.207.5217

Planet Fitness

1460 Circleville Plaza Dr.
740.889.0000

YMCA

440 Nicholas Dr.
614.389.4650



1. **Ministry & Performing Arts Center (MPAC)**
Music Department, Theology & Ministry Department, Auditorium, Recital Hall, Classrooms
2. **Dean & Diana Hickman Student Center**
Dining Hall, The Connection Bookstore, The Hub, Student Development, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Campus Security, Mailroom, The Bridge Tutoring Center, Classrooms
3. **Maxwell Center**
Gymnasium, Dowler Conference Room, Concessions
4. **Executive Center**
Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Advancement Department, Athletics Department, Operations Department, Classrooms
5. **Maxwell Library**
Library, BlazerTech, The Writing Center, Classrooms
6. **Welcome Center/Johnson Hall**
Traditional Admissions, Registrar, Trailblazer Academy, Marketing Department, Classrooms
7. **Conley Ministry Center**
School of Education, Classrooms
8. **Detty Chapel**
University Church
9. **Graham Administration Building**
Financial Aid, Finance Department, Office of Human Resources
10. **Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center**
OCUBIC, School of Business, Classrooms
11. **Rountown Trail**
12. **Overflow Parking**
13. **Soccer Field**
14. **Softball Field**
15. **Olson Field**
16. **Athletics Field House**
17. **Disc Golf Course**

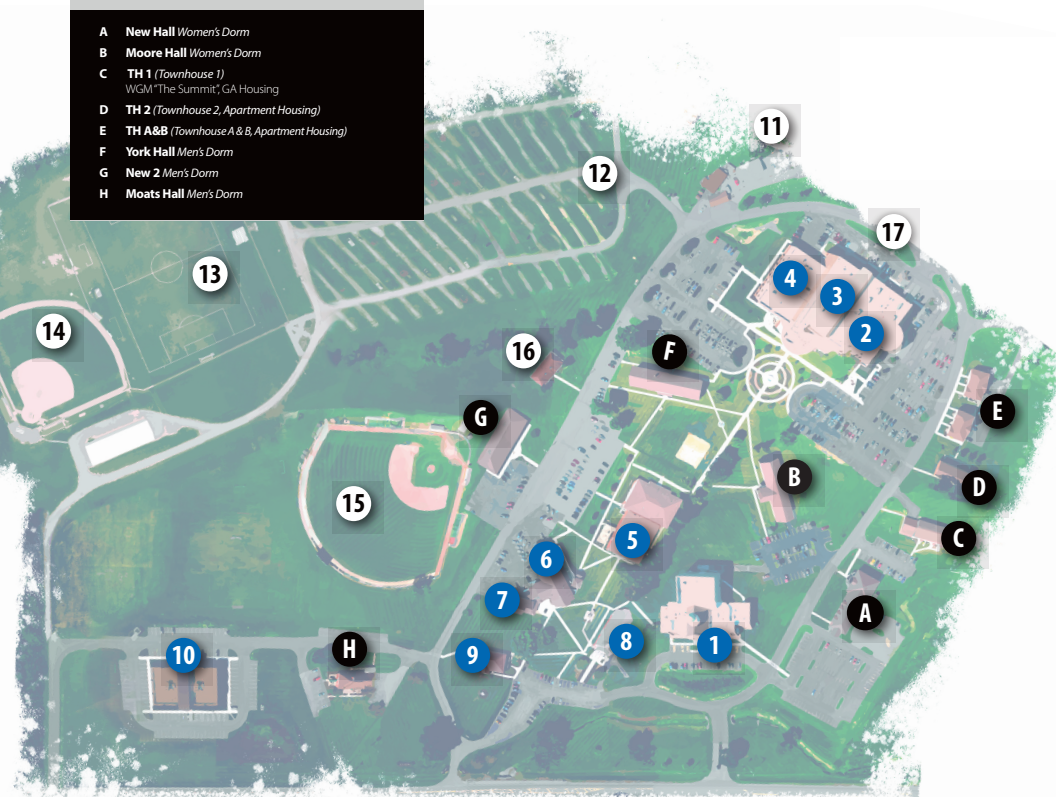
- A **New Hall Women's Dorm**
- B **Moore Hall Women's Dorm**
- C **TH 1 (Townhouse 1)**
WGM "The Summit", GA Housing
- D **TH 2 (Townhouse 2, Apartment Housing)**
- E **TH A&B (Townhouse A & B, Apartment Housing)**
- F **York Hall Men's Dorm**
- G **New 2 Men's Dorm**
- H **Moats Hall Men's Dorm**

Where are you?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP
YOU MAP IT OUT.



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UNIVERSITY

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◀ to off-campus AGS buildings

◀ CIRCLEVILLE LANCASTER ▶
Lancaster Pike/US Route 22
Main Entrance