

**AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM
ARRIVAL INFORMATION
Autumn Quarter 2009**

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL IN COLUMBUS

If you arrive at the Port Columbus International Airport, you can take a taxi or a shuttle bus to the Ohio State campus. Taxicabs from the airport cost approximately \$35.00.

If you arrive in Columbus between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, come right to the ALP office. We can help you with temporary accommodations and answer any questions that you might have. If you arrive at night or on the weekend, you should go to a nearby motel (see the list below).

Immigration regulations state that you may NOT enter the U.S. more than 30 days before the arrival date on your I-20 form. The arrival date for Autumn Quarter 2009 is September 23, 2009. Therefore, you may not enter the U.S. before August 24, 2009.

TEMPORARY HOUSING

You should be prepared to stay in temporary housing for several days when you arrive if you haven't already made arrangements for permanent housing or if your permanent housing is not available immediately.

Options for temporary housing:

1. **Dormitory:** You may be able to stay in one of the University dormitories on a temporary basis; however, you cannot make reservations in advance and so you might find that there is no space available.
2. **Motel:** You can stay at a nearby motel. It is a good idea to make reservations in advance; motels fill up quickly, especially in the autumn. Below are motels close to the University. Rates are for one person per night and are subject to change. Be sure to say you are an OSU student.

Cross Country Inn OSU South

1445 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH 43212
Phone 614-291-2983 or to make reservations
1-800-621-1429 (toll free)
Fax 614-291-4082
Website <http://www.crosscountryinns.com>
1 mile from campus
*Rate \$49.99 + tax

Day's Inn University

3160 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH 43202
Phone 614-261-0523
Fax 614-261-1120
Website <http://www.daysinn.com>
1 1/2 miles from campus
*Rate \$49.00 + tax, \$59.00 Fri. and Sat.

Fairfield Inn

3031 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH 43202
Phone 800-228-2800
Fax 614-261-0904
Website <http://www.fairfieldinn.com/cmhsu>
1 mile from campus
*Rate \$71.00 + tax on weekdays

Red Roof Inn Columbus OSU

441 Ackerman Rd.
Columbus, OH 43202
Phone 614-267-9941
Fax 614-267-5925
Website <http://www.redroof.com>
1/2 mile from campus
*Rate \$59.99 + tax

Super 8

3232 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH 43202
Phone 614-261-7141
Fax 614-261-7380
Website <http://www.super8.com>
1 mile from campus
*Rate \$45.00 + tax

The Blackwell

2110 Tuttle Park
Columbus, Ohio 43210
Phone 614-247-4000
Fax 614-247-4040
Website <http://www.theblackwell.com>
On campus (walk to ALP)
*Rate \$127 + tax

University Plaza Hotel

3110 Olentangy River Road

Columbus, Ohio 43202

Phone 614-267-7461

Fax 614-456-1157

Website <http://www.universityplazaosu.com>

½ mile to campus, airport pickup possible if prescheduled, shuttle to campus

*Rate \$97 + tax

PERMANENT HOUSING

There are several options for permanent housing for ALP students: See the enclosed green sheet for detailed information.

MONEY

For your trip to the U.S., be sure to bring enough money for telephone calls, meals, taxicabs and buses, hotel accommodations, and emergencies. Carry your money in the form of traveler's checks! If you can, bring a major credit card (MasterCard, VISA) which can be used to get a cash advance or as a form of identification when cashing personal checks.

Do not carry all your funds in the form of one check made payable to Ohio State University – you may have to wait six to eight weeks to receive cash back from the university. If you bring a check written to Ohio State University, it should only be in the amount of your first quarter's tuition and required fees. Bring the remainder of your funds in the form of traveler's checks.

TUITION

You should pay your tuition to Ohio State University by **September 23**. **The University does not accept credit cards**; you will have to use traveler's checks or a check from a local (Columbus) checking account. You must pay your tuition during the first week of classes; if you pay during the second week, the University will charge you a late fee. If you do not pay by **October 6**, the University may cancel your registration and you will not be able to study.

It is your responsibility to pay tuition on time. If you are a private student, be sure to arrive with the funds needed to pay tuition. If you are a sponsored student, it is your responsibility to obtain a letter of billing authorization from your sponsor before the payment deadline.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health care is very expensive in the United States. A single day in a hospital may cost more than \$200, excluding the cost of treatment. As a result, international students are required to purchase OSU student health insurance. If you plan to bring your family, you are strongly urged to buy insurance (which is available from Ohio State) for all family members as well. The 2009-2010 health insurance premium for a single student is \$479 per quarter. Additional health insurance costs for a spouse are \$827 per quarter; for a child or children \$844; for spouse and children \$1,290. This may appear expensive, but it is very important for you and your family to have medical care when necessary. Please note that health insurance policies do not cover 100% of all medical expenses and the cost may rise for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The only students who do not have to purchase University student health insurance are those insured through a government sponsor or an international organization, or who are covered as a U.S.-based employee or a dependent of a U.S.-based employee.

CLIMATE

Spring temperatures are moderate, although it can still be quite cool in March and it may get rather hot in May. Summer is long, hot, and humid. Temperatures of 90 F (33 C) are not unusual in July and August. You are advised to bring some light clothing for the summer. Fall is pleasant with its bright colors and moderate temperatures. Winter can get very cold and snowy; the temperature averages 27 F/-4 C in January, but goes as low as -10 F/-24 C. You may either bring warm clothing, or buy it here. Inexpensive winter clothing is available in Columbus.