

The Neuroscience Graduate Student Organization's Guide to Columbus

Looking to get involved at OSU?

There are over 1,300 registered student organizations at OSU, which means there is something for everyone to get excited about. Check out the full list [here](#). Contact information for each organization is listed in their online record.

Parking:

Find out more about parking on campus from [CampusParc](#).

Gateway Plaza
1560 N. High St.
Columbus, OH, 43201
614-688-000

Need a place to park on campus? Find out where from the [CampusParc map](#).

Visitor and Guest Parking:

Visitors and guests can pay for parking in either the many garages located around the [Academic Core and the Wexner Medical Center](#), or by paying for [surface lot parking](#) typically located in less dense areas of campus.

Need to get around Columbus, but don't want to drive?

Campus Area Bus Service (CABS):

CABS is a free transit service provided by OSU. Use real-time tracking to see where your bus is either online or on the OSU mobile app! Schedules and maps can be found [here](#).

Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA):

[COTA](#) goes all around Columbus! You can find all the routes on your phone too! Download the [Transit](#) app with COTA real-time tracking for any line in town (available for either iPhone or Android phones). If you have a bike, don't worry! Bikes can be secured to the front of the bus. For more info, head on over to their website. Part of your student fees goes toward COTA, so make sure to carry your BuckID with you to catch a free ride!

CoGo Bike Share:

Located around Columbus, rent a bike and explore! Find a [bike station](#).

And there's always those scooters...

Places of Interest

Sporting Events:

Nationwide Arena: Home of the [Columbus Blue Jackets](#) hockey team, Nationwide Arena is located in the arena district. The arena hosts plenty of non-hockey events throughout the year as well. Click [here](#) for more info.

Columbus Clippers Stadium: This is the home stadium for the [Columbus Clippers](#), Columbus's minor league baseball team.

MAPFRE Stadium: This is the home stadium for the [Columbus Crew](#), Columbus's professional soccer team. In addition to soccer matches, the stadium frequently hosts other events throughout the year. Click [here](#) for more info.

Tickets for these and other events in the Columbus area can be purchased online and also can sometimes be obtained at a discount through the D-Tix program at Ohio State. Tickets are allocated through a lottery system. More information can be found [here](#).

Music Venues:

The Newport: The [Newport Music Hall](#) is a music venue located at 1722 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, across the street from the Ohio Union at the Ohio State University. It is America's longest continually running rock club.

A&R Music Bar: The [A&R Music Bar](#) is a venue located in the arena district.

Skully's Music Bar: [Skully's Music Bar](#) is a venue located near campus on High Street.

Ohio Theatre: From classical music to modern dance, from yearly family traditions to concerts, the world's best artists come to the [Ohio Theatre](#).

Shadow Box Live: [Shadowbox Live](#) is a non-profit performance troupe that self-produces a wide range of shows, including original rock operas, traditional musicals, fine art exhibits, contemporary dance, and video/television.

Arts and Culture:

Columbus has a thriving dance and theater scene. Check out fantastic local groups including [BalletMet](#), [Opera Columbus](#), the [Columbus Jazz Orchestra](#), and the [Columbus Symphony Orchestra](#). Tickets for these and other shows in the Columbus area can be purchased online and also can sometimes be obtained at a discount through the D-Tix program at Ohio State. Tickets are allocated through a lottery system. More information can be found [here](#).

Museums and Centers:

Columbus Museum of Art: The [Columbus Museum of Art](#) is Columbus's local art museum.

Ohio History Center: The [Ohio History Center](#) includes a museum, archives/library, historic preservation office, and Ohio Village.

COSI: The [Center of Science and Industry](#) (COSI) is Columbus's interactive science center. N.E.U.R.O. holds its annual Brain Awareness Week here.

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium: Columbus is home to one of the most highly rated zoos in the country. The [Columbus Zoo & Aquarium](#) is great fun for kids and adults alike, and admission is fairly cheap for Franklin county residents.

Food/Nightlife:

Short North: Known as the art and soul of Columbus, the culturally rich [Short North Arts District](#) is a pioneer in the urban revitalization of Central Ohio. Visitors are invited to explore its vibrant neighborhood known for its wide variety of amazing art, dining, nightlife, fashion, home décor, and unique gift.

Arena District: The [Arena District](#) is one of downtown Columbus's most popular neighborhoods featuring sports, entertainment, food and drink.

German Village: The [German Village Business Community](#) is a collection of independent businesses sharing resources and working together to promote the historic business community of German Village.

Columbus also has a ton of great breweries, so if you're a beer lover, be sure to check those out! You can find a pretty comprehensive list [here](#).