Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to attend a Transfer Enrollment Day?
Yes. Participation in a transfer enrollment program is required for all new transfer students entering OSU. Academic advising and course enrollment is completed during the program.

I've already been through orientation at my previous institution. Do I need to attend?
Yes. Transfer Enrollment Days provide a specific time to meet with advisers, enroll in classes, meet with other student service representatives and learn how to navigate OSU systems during one campus visit.

Do I need to register for an enrollment program date?
Yes. Registering for the program allows us to arrange for your academic advising appointment and preprint the necessary forms to get your ID and course enrollment is completed during your transfer program. Be sure to select this option when you register for your program date. Registration costs for guests will be $20 per adult.

Is there a cost?
There is no up-front cost for you to attend your orientation session. Instead, you’re charged a one-time $75 orientation/enrollment fee in your first tuition and fees bill of the semester.

What do I need to bring?
Information needed is dependent on your particular situation. If there are any forms or specific items related to admission and enrollment needed, our office will contact you prior to your enrollment date. Some of the most common items are:
• Remaining transcripts.
• Photo identification.
• Current enrollment information.
• Scholarships & financial aid paperwork.
• Citizenship documentation.
• Veterans Administration education benefit award letters.

Can I bring guests with me?
Yes. We are excited to offer a Family Orientation program for parents, spouses, family members and friends that run in tandem with your transfer program.

Orientation at my previous institution. Do I need to attend?
Yes. We are excited to offer a Family Orientation Program for parents, spouses, family members and friends that runs in tandem with your transfer program. Be sure to select this option when you register for your program date. Registration costs for guests will be $20 per adult.

Can I bring guests with me?
Yes. We are excited to offer a Family Enrollment program for parents, spouses, family members and friends that run in tandem with your transfer program. Be sure to select this option when you register for your program date. Registration costs for guests will be $20 per adult.

Is there a cost?
There is no up-front cost for you to attend your orientation session. Instead, you’re charged a one-time $75 orientation/enrollment fee in your first tuition and fees bill of the semester.

What do I need to bring?
Information needed is dependent on your particular situation. If there are any forms or specific items related to admission and enrollment needed, our office will contact you prior to your enrollment date. Some of the most common items are:
• Remaining transcripts.
• Photo identification.
• Current enrollment information.
• Scholarships & financial aid paperwork.
• Citizenship documentation.
• Veterans Administration education benefit award letters.
Getting Started

Orange Key (O-Key)
To register for your Transfer Enrollment Program, you need your Oklahoma State Orange Key (O-Key) account information. If you haven’t activated your O-Key, which also establishes your OSU email address, visit okay.okstate.edu and follow the activation steps.

OSU uses your Oklahoma State email address as a primary form of communication. Once you’ve established your O-Key account, make sure you CHECK YOUR OSU EMAIL at least once a week, as you will receive email from Scholarships & Financial Aid, New Student Orientation & Enrollment, Residential Life and other campus departments.

To access your O-Key and email, visit okstate.edu/email. If you’ve forwarded your email to another personal email account, be sure to identify okstate.edu as a "safe sender" so you don’t miss any important information.

Register for Your Enrollment Program
You may register for your orientation program after you’ve been admitted. Register online at newsstudents.okstate.edu and select the “Transfer” tab.

Students transferring to OSU enroll at the same time as current OSU students according to the number of credit hours earned to date, not including hours in which you are currently enrolled. Please select a Transfer Enrollment Day that corresponds with the number of credit hours you have completed. Attending your earliest available enrollment date provides the best opportunity for course choice.

• 50+ Hours Earned: Monday, April 17
• 30+ Hours Earned: Friday, April 21
• All Transfer Students: Friday, April 28, Thursday, May 11; Thursday, May 25; Friday, June 9; Tuesday, June 20; Friday, July 7; Tuesday, July 18

If your schedule cannot accommodate one of these program dates or other circumstances prevent you from making a trip to Stillwater, please contact our office at 405-744-3636.

Please select a Transfer Enrollment Day that corresponds with the number of credit hours you have completed. Attending your earliest available enrollment date provides the best opportunity for course choice.

Your OSU Home
Residential Life
As a transfer student, you are not required to live in university-approved housing if you are a sophomore or above, over the age of 21, married or have children. However, if you prefer to stay on campus, please visit reslife.okstate.edu to complete your housing application.

Off-Campus Student Association
If you are looking for a place to live, the Off-Campus Student Association can help you find places to lease off-campus. Visit osuoffcampus.org/ocsa.

Take the Math Placement Exam
All students need to take the Math Placement Exam before their enrollment program unless they’ve taken college-level math (college algebra, trigonometry, calculus, etc.) at another institution and passed with a C or better. Students who have earned college-level math credit should make sure OSU has a copy of their official transcripts showing they’ve earned math credit.

Visit uat.okstate.edu/placemathexam to identify the best way for completing the exam based on your academic progress.

The Math Placement Exam is required for:
• Any student who will take a math course at OSU, without prior college-level math credit.
• All students planning to pursue degrees within the College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology.
• Students who are not currently enrolled in a college-level math course or any student who doesn’t have college-level math credit earned (beginning and intermediate algebra do not count as college-level math).

Funding for College
Scholarships & Financial Aid
Your application for admission was also your application for scholarships. You should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with OSU school code 003179 so you’re eligible for all possible scholarships and financial aid.

You may continue to send official transcripts and other items until July 1 to update your file for scholarship and financial aid consideration.

For up-to-date scholarship and financial aid announcements, visit financialaid.okstate.edu

Credits and Placement
Transferring Academic Credit and Concurrent Coursework
Oklahoma State University, in conjunction with Oklahoma’s other institutions of higher education, has developed transfer guides for academic planning when a student attends more than one college or university in the state. OSU Transfer Credit Guides are created for institutions from which students frequently transfer. These guides assist students in their plan to begin at one institution with the intention of graduating from another with a bachelor’s degree. Visit admissions.okstate.edu/transfer to view our interactive transfer guides.

Transfer students should understand that everything will transfer from accredited institutions. However, how it transfers depends on your degree program. For example, if you transfer 60 hours toward a psychology degree and then you decide you would like to study engineering instead, chances are you’ll need to go back and take the foundational math and sciences courses before you will achieve the academic credit equivalent in the engineering curriculum.

Discuss with your academic adviser if you have questions about credits transferring to OSU and/or how they may be used in your degree plan. Your adviser will explain which courses transfer directly to your degree and which don’t. You may need to show a course syllabus, catalog description or other documentation for the class in question if a new evaluation needs to be made. Your adviser will assist you through the process.

If there are questions about how credits are being transferred and applied to your OSU academic record, the Transfer Academic Services office in University College serves as a resource. Information related to credits, articulation agreements and general campus assistance is also available at the OSU Academic Advising office.