

**AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM  
ARRIVAL INFORMATION  
Summer 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.

If you arrive in Columbus between 8am and 3:30pm 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 or hostel (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 Summer Quarter 2009 is June 22, 2009. Therefore, you may not enter the U.S. before May 23, 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>  
1½ 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

**The Blackwell**

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

**Red Roof Inn Columbus OSU**

441 Ackerman Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43202  
Phone 614-267-9941 – Fax 614-267-5925  
Website <http://www.redroof.com>  
½ 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

**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 (Master Card, 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 June 22. **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 June 22, 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 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 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.