

ORIENTATION

Physics Grad Student Council

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Facilities in the 1st year office space (AKA “The Stacks”)

- Refrigerator in 3000
 - Put your name and date on everything you put in the fridge
 - Fridge cleaned once a month and everything not labeled thrown away
- Microwave on walkway
- 2 Computer labs for your use, 3000 and 3015
- Printers throughout the building

Email Notices

- The department and the PGSC send out important notices via email.
- Make sure the Physics Computing Services (PCS) Staff have your preferred email listed, or email forwarding set up. If you are not receiving emails from the department periodically, you should email action@mps.ohio-state.edu and update your email address.

Security

- Lock your office
 - Money, laptops, books, anything of any value have been stolen from offices that have been unlocked
 - Nothing has been reported stolen from a locked office
- At night
 - Walk in groups
 - Do not talk on cell phone
 - Do not listen to MP3 players
- Pay attention to your surroundings, even during the day
- On-Campus Escort <http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu/police/>
- Doors are keycard access on weekdays 6pm-7am and on weekends/holidays

Bike Parking

- Bike room in PRB 1170B
(in the loading dock room)
- Enter and exit the loading dock through loading docks doors to outside, not through building
- You can register your bike with OSU police
 - Strongly recommended if you plan on parking your bike outside



Car Parking

- If you will have a car on campus you can buy a parking pass
 - West Campus: \$ 93.00 (WB) or \$88.80 (WC)
 - Main Campus C pass: \$ 252.00
 - Main Campus B pass: \$ 372.00
 - Main Campus Garage BG (if still available): \$ 672.00
 - Daily Parking (without a pass)
 - Surface parking \$1/hr (\$3/day on weekends)
 - Garage parking \$3 first hour, \$1/hr after up to \$7

Public Transportation

- COTA- city buses
 - You pay a \$9 fee/quarter to ride the buses
 - You show the bus driver your BuckID to ride the buses
 - To get schedule information go to www.cota.com
- CABS-campus buses
 - Most useful to get to west campus parking
 - Buses come about every 7 minutes during the day

Course Registration

- You must be registered a week before the first day of classes. There is a significant fine for not registering.
 - GTA must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours. It is expected that you take:
 - Quantum I (827)
 - E&M I (834)
 - Classical Dynamics (821)
 - Fellowships should sign up for 15 credit hours
 - Also sign up for 795 and 801(if GTA)

Books

- Buying online is least expensive way to get books
- You can also get them at Barnes & Noble on 12th and High street

Advising / Research

- It is strongly recommended you begin looking for someone to work with your first quarter
- We have a website of open positions click on GRA Positions from PGSC webpage
- When picking a research area, pick an advisor/group you can work with...Do not necessarily worry about the subject
- We will be assigning you mentors by next Tuesday or Wednesday

Health insurance

- 85% premium covered by OSU for you and your dependents (wife/husband/children/significant others)
- Wilce Student Health Center(292-4321)
 - General practitioners
 - Gynecologists
 - Dentist
 - Ophthalmologist
 - Physical therapy
 - Most services are 100% covered by Student Health Insurance.
- You can also see doctors outside the student health center (most services covered 90% in-network, 60% out-of-network)

Fees

- Department covers tuition and registration fees.
- Fees paid by you (deducted from your paycheck):
 - Rec/facilities fee (\$82)
 - Student activity fee (\$25)
 - COTA fee (\$9)
 - Student Union Fee (\$5/credit hr)
 - Student Legal Services Fee (\$40/yr, can opt-out)
 - Health Insurance Fee (**\$81.45/qtr**)

More Information

- Survival Guide (e-mailed to you)
- www.physics.ohio-state.edu/~PGSC
- Email PGSC: pgsc@mps.ohio-state.edu
- Ask Questions now!

Welcome Activities

- Welcome Ice Cream Social: Wed. 9/21/11, 4pm
 - We will take a picture of your class.
 - You should be able to meet your mentor at this meeting.