



WELCOME

We are so glad that you will be attending Ottawa University this fall. There are numerous activities planned for you throughout the year!

On that note, you may be wondering why we call new student orientation Braves Camp. This time of year marks when the Ottawa University family grows—through the addition of new students, like yourself, as well as the addition of new faculty and staff.

To ensure this Braves Camp is strong, you will have the opportunity throughout the orientation and welcome week activities to become acclimated with the Ottawa University campus, as well as the Ottawa community. We will provide you with the guidance to have a successful college career at Ottawa University.

So get involved, ask questions, make friends, and dive into all that there is available. You will have lots of opportunities during the year to watch athletic events, theatre performances and music concerts, student activities and SGA events, as well as listen to an array of guest speakers—all on our campus.

Welcome to campus! We look forward to sharing an exciting year with you as an Ottawa University Brave!

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	^ New Student Enrollment Confirmation (pre-enrolled) <i>(Must be complete before moving into the halls)</i>	Gangwish Library
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	^ Residence Hall Check-in for New Students (Last Name A-M)	Residence Halls
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	*Parent Orientation	Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Family Send Off/Dinner	Gibson Student Center, Hetrick Bistro / University Mall
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	^ Orientation Leader Program	Residence Halls

Thursday, August 22

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	^ New Student Enrollment Confirmation (pre-enrolled) <i>(Must be complete before moving into the halls)</i>	Gangwish Library
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	^ Residence Hall Check-in for New Students (Last Name N-Z)	Residence Halls
11:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch ¥	Gibson Student Center, Hetrick Bistro
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	^ New International Student Meeting <i>(Only students who are international, including transfers)</i>	Administration Building, Room 106
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	^ Transfer 101	Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center
2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	*Parent Orientation	Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	^ Group Picture <i>(all first year and transfer students)</i>	Fire Water Feature / Gangwish Library, Lawn
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	^ Meet your OLs	Fredrikson Chapel
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	^ Welcome Ceremony	Fredrikson Chapel
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Family Send Off/Dinner	Gibson Student Center, Hetrick Bistro
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	^ Residence Life Meeting <i>(Transfer students living on campus MUST attend.)</i>	Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center
8:30 - 10:00 p.m.	^ Braves Play	AdventHealth Field at Ottawa University

Notes:

* Non-Mandatory Events

^ Mandatory for ALL Transfer Students

¥ Parents please join us for lunch. Each new student will be given two complimentary tickets at registration.

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change. A full schedule for Braves Camp will be available at Move-in!

ORIENTATION LEADERS

Tyler Barrett
Staci Bond
Quinn Burpee
Delanie DeHoyos
Joslynn Erskine
Jahkoby Franklin

Caleb Fruge
Carter Genzen
Peyton Hack
Peyton Hand
Cameron Jackson
Desiree Marshall-Penny

Caity McMahon
Tucker Melton
Macey Morris
Ashby Owen
JD Perez
Anthony Reyes

Jonathan Reyes
Martha Rios
Alyssa Rutherford
Alexis Schultze
Nicholas Schultze
Erin Skeen

Riley Smith
Mark Spells
Bethany Uribe
Darby Weidl
Emma Whelan
Kayla Whiteaker

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Tuition Fee Payment Due (Go to the MyOttawa Portal)
Fall Teams Return (Soccer & Women's Volleyball)
Fall Teams Return (Football)
New Student Move-in
Orientation (Mandatory)
First Day of Classes
Parade of Champions / Fusion Business Expo

Important Note: NO ONE will be allowed to check into the residence halls until the enrollment confirmation process has been completed. Parents will NOT be allowed to check in for you!

July 21
August 5
August 6
August 21-22
August 22-25
August 26
August 27

WIRELESS

Ottawa University residence halls are wireless! Any questions call 785-248-2313!

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

This fall you will find your personal mailbox located on the lower level of the Gangwish Library. The mail room ensures that all mail (letters and packages) is distributed by noon daily, and allows you to retrieve your mail at any time during the building's hours of operation. A key will be issued to access your mailbox. Go to the Braves Fan Shop to pick up your mailbox key upon your arrival on campus.

Package Delivery — You will receive an email notification for pick-up location and instructions. Some parcels will be placed in larger package mailboxes and a key will be placed in your personal mailbox. When retrieving your package, the corresponding key will remain in the door.

Below is a sample of how mail should be addressed when sent to you:

Student Name
1001 S. Cedar St., #XXXX
Ottawa, KS 66067

NOTE: Please do not include the word "box" by the "#", as it can cause confusion for delivery.

APPLIANCE POLICY

Only cooking appliances with self-contained heating units may be used in student rooms. Such appliances include automatic-shut off coffee makers, hot air popcorn poppers, microwave ovens (no more than 900 watts), etc. Appliances with an exposed element or that use oil are not permitted with the exception of a toaster. Only small appliances are allowed in residence halls. Full-size or apartment-sized refrigerators, freezers, or similar items are prohibited. Refrigerators should not exceed 5.0 cubic feet.

REFRIGERATOR DIMENSIONS:

These dimensions meet the requirements for students wanting to house their refrigerators in the space provided in the kitchenette. Maximum Height: 33.5" Maximum Width: 19" Maximum Depth: 24"

IMPORTANT CHECKLIST

- Health History Form
- Immunization Records
 - Meningitis Vaccine(s)
 - MMR (2)
- Copy of Insurance Card
- Automobile Registration Information
- Physical (Student-Athlete) (required)

THINGS TO BRING

- Laundry Baskets/Supplies (HE detergent)
- Towels and Washcloths
- Pillow(s)
- Bed Spread/Comforter
- Bedding: sheets (extra long); pillow cases; blankets
- Clothing and Hangers
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Clock

YOU MAY ALSO WANT...

- Trash Can
- Television
- Speaker
- Computer and Printer
- Can Opener and Paper Products
- Power Strip with Surge Protector
- Study Lamp
- Microwave
- Cleaning Supplies

WHAT NOT TO BRING...

- Pets
- Firearms
- Full Size Refrigerators (see above)
- Fireworks
- Extension Cords
- Decorative Lights
- Toaster Oven
- LED Strip Lights



DISCOVER WHAT IS NEW

What do you use your Braves Card for?

Your Braves Card is your student ID, meal card, access into your residence hall, payment at vending machines throughout campus, copies and prints in the Copy Center and computer labs, purchases in the Braves Fan Shop, Dining Dollars or Braves Cash in the Gibson Student Center, as well as the laundry facilities within your residence hall. The best part—you and your parent(s) both can add money onto your card at www.ottawa.edu/bravescard.

Where all can I use my card?

As you walk around campus, you will see signs for where you can use your Braves Card to make purchases across campus.

Be looking for signs, like the one shown here, for where to use your Braves Card.

What are Dining Dollars?

These are funds (in correlation with the 100-block, 225-block and All-Access meal plans) that are automatically loaded on

your Braves Card for use in the Gibson Student Center, Hetrick Bistro. Any unused funds are eliminated at the end of the academic semester.

What is Braves Cash?

This is the most flexible account on your Braves Card. These funds can be used throughout campus for vending and laundry services, as well as in the Hetrick Bistro. Additional funds can easily be added to this account on your Braves Card in a variety of ways.



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CAMPUS ALERT SYSTEM

Sign-up today to receive campus alerts such as inclement weather (campus closings, event cancellations, etc.) and safety alerts and notices.



PHOTO ID

Submit your headshot for your Braves ID Card. Follow the guidelines below when taking your photo:

- **RESOLUTION/QUALITY**
 - o NO Filters
 - o Photo should be clear, NOT blurry
- **ATTIRE**
 - o Fully clothed
 - o Prescribed glasses accepted, NO sunglasses
 - o NO props
 - o Photo should contain student only
 - o NO hats
- **POSITIONING**
 - o Photo should be taken approx. 3 ft away
 - o Photo should ONLY include student's body from the chest up
 - o NO full body photos
 - o NO selfies
- **LIGHTING**
 - o Bright/Well-lit rooms
 - o Indoor lighting ONLY
- **BACKGROUND**
 - o White backgrounds ONLY

First is through the ADM in the Pelton Lounge of Gangwish Library.

Second, you may add funds online with no fees. Online transactions are performed at www.ottawa.edu/bravescard. You also have the ability to automatically reload your funds when your balance drops below a specific amount, or on a particular day of the week or month.

Third, your parents can go online and add funds through the same site. Your parents will need your student ID number and your birth date in order to add funds to your account.

USE YOUR
**BRAVES
CARD**

Send photo to ouhousing@ottawa.edu by **July 31, 2024**. For any questions, please contact the Office of Student Life.

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS FUSION BUSINESS EXPO

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

New this year, the City of Ottawa, USD 290 and Ottawa University have teamed together to celebrate with a Parade of Champions prior to the Fusion Business Expo. Line-up will begin at 5:00 p.m. at City Park with the parade beginning at 6:00 p.m. down Main Street and ending at Legacy Square for the annual Fusion Business Expo.

The Fusion Business Expo, hosted by Ottawa University and the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce, is designed to welcome new and returning students, while showcasing what the Ottawa community has to offer for business and leisure activities. The event will be held at Legacy Square at 1st and Walnut Streets in downtown Ottawa. Shuttles will be offered to students who want to attend.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FAIR

**Friday, September 6, 2024
10:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Administration Building, Mall

Want to get involved on campus and learn about campus resources? Join us or the Student Engagement Fair! This is your chance to meet all of our student organizations and campus resources. We have a student organization and resources for everyone!

GET YOUR GEAR

Stock up on all of your favorite Braves gear before you even reach campus! Shop all the merchandise at:

<https://oubookstore.ottawa.edu>

GET STARTED ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Research shows that full participation in orientation activities lead you to: 1) meet MANY new friends, 2) greater success as you'll know what services are available, and 3) and fosters academic success and good grades.

Participation in orientation is a requirement for all new, first time in college students. Transfer students living on or off campus will have some orientation requirements but are able to opt out of non-mandatory sessions and events. Please be sure to review all mandatory sessions and activities on the Braves Camp schedule if you are a transfer student. It is important that you fully engage in this process as it will affect your ability to represent OU in organizations and athletics. We want you to be successful and start off the year feeling confident and prepared!

ORIENTATION TO THE ACADEMY

This eight-week seminar course introduces first-year students to career exploration and how it connects to OU academics, as well as how to successfully navigate the expectations of academic life at OU. The seminar is offered in-person in the fall 1 term.

OU HELP

Have computer problems/questions? Forgot a password? Assistance is available 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24-hours a day. Reach out to OU Help via any of the methods below for technical help and resolution:

Phone: 785-248-2500 (closed national holidays)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST
855-268-4357 (855-2OU-HELP)
After Hours

Email: ouhelp@ottawa.edu
Chat: <http://ottawa.edu/ouhelp>

WANT MONEY?

Students interested in work study should check with the Office of Financial Aid to determine their eligibility. You may do this prior to arriving on campus.

Students must complete all required forms prior to working on campus. These include the I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification), W-4 form, and K-4 withholding forms and the direct deposit authorization. You must have identification documents (not copies) with you. You may review the list of acceptable documents on the MyOttawa web portal. Click 'Work Study Resources' and the I-9 link. The information is on page three. Note that a document from Column A is sufficient; otherwise you must provide a document from both Column B and Column C. Be sure to bring your bank account information if you intend to use Direct Deposit, including routing/transit and account number.

BOOK ORDERING

Ottawa University Braves Fan Shop offers Verba Compare on its online bookstore. With Verba Compare you have the ability to compare other textbook vendor (i.e. Chegg, Amazon, etc.) prices against the Braves Fan Shop prices right on our website. You will be able to select the option that fits your needs, whether that is based on availability, price, or condition.

Don't forget that any books purchased from the Braves Fan Shop allow you to make easy returns, same-day pick-up and guaranteed accuracy.

TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF

Go to the TEXTBOOKS link in the menu on the left.

1. Select GET TEXTBOOKS
2. Select the term, department, course, and section for each course.
3. Repeat these steps as many times as you like to select books for multiple courses.

When ready, select "Begin Price Comparison." You will see the textbook title on the top left, along with the Braves Fan Shop pricing on the right. Beneath that pricing will be a list of alternate prices from other vendors.

You can then add the textbook, from a vendor of your choice, to your shopping cart. Regardless of which vendor you select, the items will appear in your cart. This allows you to complete the transaction, or continue shopping, without having to leave the OU Bookstore website.

If you have questions or run into issues, contact Noah Huske, Braves Fan Shop Manager at 785-248-2414 or noah.huske@ottawa.edu.

*Only textbooks purchased from the Braves Fan Shop are eligible for a book advance and are guaranteed to be correct.



EASY PEASY PACKING

We have partnered with Dormify to offer a "Residence Hall Linen Program." Don't be mistaken though, Dormify has more to offer than just sheet sets.

Now you have the ability to purchase bedding, as well as additional blankets, pillows, mattress pad, egg crate pad, towels, hampers and more. The best part—everything will be shipped directly to campus. That means EASY PEASY PACKING for you! When you arrive on campus, your package will be waiting. That's one less thing to worry about packing—and it gives you the chance to coordinate (perfectly) with your roommate(s), if you choose to.

There are a wide variety of options available, so be sure to go online and check it out.

www.ottawa.dormify.com/move-in

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Orientation Information	785-248-2370
Student Employment	800-755-5200, #4
Registrar	785-248-2362
OU Help	855-268-4357
Athletic Office	785-248-2601
Security	785-229-1075
Student Life	785-248-2347
Academic Affairs	785-248-2527
Financial Aid	800-755-5200, #4
Admissions	785-248-2371
Braves Fan Shop (bookstore)	785-248-2312
Accommodations	785-248-2326
Counseling Services	785-229-1081

ARE YOU INSURED?

We want to ensure that each student will be adequately covered for medical services and prescriptions. Your insurance must include nationwide coverage and cannot exclude intercollegiate sports.

Bi-annually ALL new AND returning students will need to complete the health services link (<https://firststudent.com>). Every student will need to enroll in or waive medical coverage for the 2023-24 academic year. Ottawa University is offering a medical policy if a student is currently non-insured or underinsured; fees do apply which may alter the student's financial arrangements. Cost for this insurance is \$2,094 for the academic year.

IMPORTANT:

- Students will NOT be allowed to participate in activities or athletic practices until this process is complete. Fall athletes arriving on campus early must have it completed by the day they arrive.
- Financial clearance status may be altered should you enroll in Ottawa University health coverage. You MUST contact your Enrollment Advisor in order to verify any changes that may occur to your financial packaging.
- If the process has not been completed prior to midnight on Saturday, August 21, you will be responsible for payment of the premium for the health coverage.

ALL ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS:

Here are the guidelines for required vaccinations:

- All newly enrolled (or readmitted) students born on or after 1957 must show proof of two vaccinations for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).
- All newly enrolled students living in University housing must show proof of the meningitis vaccine (16 years of age and older) or a meningitis vaccine (prior to age 16) and a vaccine booster.
- International students and/or any student identified as high risk must have a tuberculosis (TB) skin test within three months prior to the start of courses or proof with a negative chest X-ray. Results from outside the United States cannot be accepted. Please be aware the student may be asked to complete subsequent screening and/or treatment and failure to do so will be considered a violation of this policy.
- All newly enrolled students are encouraged to get the Covid-19 vaccine and booster, if applicable.

Submit all immunization records/exemption forms to the Office of Student Life, located in the Administration Building, Room 201. Questions and/or concerns about the immunization/insurance process can be directed to OUKSInsurance@ottawa.edu in the Office of Student Life.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) creates several opportunities for students to experience personal growth, progress as leaders, and develop lifelong friendships. Fraternity and sorority life encourages diversity, creates community partnerships and propels our students into a life of significance. Our students involved in FSL are a part of various student organizations, as well as Brave athletics, and they take on service projects that benefit both the Ottawa University campus and Franklin County community. A large majority of top leadership positions on campus are held by FSL students.

MEN

Phi Delta Theta has a rich tradition of fostering leadership skills among its members. Through various programs and opportunities, Phi Delta Theta aims to develop individuals who excel not only academically but also as leaders in their communities. Members are encouraged to take on leadership roles within their chapters, whether it's serving as chapter president, organizing philanthropic events, or mentoring younger members. Additionally, the fraternity offers leadership development programs, workshops, and conferences that provide members with the tools and experiences to become effective leaders both within the fraternity and beyond. By instilling values such as integrity, accountability, and service, Phi Delta Theta equips its members to make positive contributions to society and lead with distinction in their future endeavors.

WOMEN

The sorority has started a local chapter started here on campus. Its mission is to empower women of OU to be the best versions of themselves. With focus on philanthropy, community engagement, leadership, sisterhood, academic success and more, the sorority here at Ottawa University will help lead the women of campus to a life of significance.

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND 2024 September 27-28

We have an action-packed weekend scheduled for Fall Family Weekend this year. Registration will provide you with tickets to the athletic events, a ticket to the food truck tailgate, as well as a t-shirt. Registration will open August 5 and closes September 13, so register once it opens — We hope to see you there!

Register at
www.ottawa.edu/Family