

NEWSLETTER 2024



FROM THE Dean

Firstly, I want to extend my warmest congratulations to all our graduating students. Your commitment, resilience, and tireless efforts have truly paid off, and I couldn't be prouder to witness your journey into the next phase of your life. As we bid farewell to our graduates, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new students in the upcoming academic year.

In addition to expressing my heartfelt appreciation for each of you and celebrating your decision to join #BraveNation, I also want to share some exciting updates

about campus life:

- Our fall semester will kick off on August 26, with the first wave of students arriving on August 5. New student orientation will start on August 21 and will conclude on August 25.
- Enrollment is currently underway. Returning students, please ensure you take care of this promptly by reaching out to Katie Butts and Christine Currier at the ADAWE Center. Classes are filling up fast, so don't delay. If you have any account holds, please address them with Heather Long or Melanie Lamar.
- New students don't forget to contact David Tyner at <u>david.tyner@ottawa.edu</u> to schedule your summer enrollment day or arrange for a phone enrollment session.

I'm looking forward to reconnecting with everyone this fall. Remember, every day is a great day to be a Brave! Wishing you all a fantastic summer, and I can't wait to see you soon.

CAMPUS ARRIVAL DATES

August 5

Women's Volleyball / All Soccer

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Soccer

August 6

Football

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. New Students

> 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Returning Students

August 21-22

Move-in / Orientation

8/21 — 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Last Names — A-M

8/22 — 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Last Names — N-Z

August 24

Returning Students

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Last Names — A-M

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Last Names — N-Z

August 26

First Day of Classes

Donald Anderson

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Day	Date	Event	Day	Date	Event
Monday	August 26	First Day of Classes (Fall and Fall I)	Monday	January 13	First Day of Classes (Spring and Spring I)
Monday	September 2	Labor Day (NO CLASSES)	Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO CLASSES)
Monday	October 14	Pontiac Day (NO CLASSES)	Monday	March 10	First Day of Classes (Spring II)
Monday	October 21	First Day of Classes (Fall II)	Thu Fri.	March 20 - 21	Spring Break
Friday	November 11	Veterans Day (NO CLASSES)	Friday	April 18	Good Friday (NO CLASSES)
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving Day	Friday	May 2	Last Day of Classes (Spring and Spring II)
Tuesday	December 13	Last Day of Classes (Fall and Fall II)	Saturday	May 3	Commencement



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.

Please join us for the BBQ dinner! Students, faculty and staff eat at no charge. Stop by for free handouts, and to sign up for the drawings at participating exhibitors' booths, as well as see their businesses first hand. Come and enjoy the music, too.

Braves Camp 2024

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 student 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.

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, music concerts, student activities and CAB events, Student Government events, as well as listen to an array of guest speakers—all on our campus.

Be sure to check your OU email on a daily basis, as information will be directed there.

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

HOUSING/MEAL PLAN REQUIRED

First year students who live in University-sponsored housing are required to have the All Access meal plan for their first year in attendance.

	100-block	225-block	All Access
Semester Price	\$1,385	\$3,230	\$3,570
Annual Price	\$2,770	\$6,460	\$7,140
Dining Dollars per Semester	\$75	\$75	\$100
Bennett Hall		X	X
Brown Hall		X	X
Martin Hall		X	X
Suites at Rock Creek		X	X
Bennett Hall - Apartments	X	X	X
Martin Hall - Apartments	X	X	X
Gillette House	X	X	X
University Apartments	X	X	X
Blue Mountain Apartments	X	X	X
OU Lofts on Main Street	Х	X	Х
Additional University-sponsored Housing		X	X
Off-campus Commuter	Х	X	X
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Braves Camp (fall orientation) for the start of fall 2024 will have events planned starting on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 — SUNDAY, AUGUST 25.

More details will be sent to your OU email address at a later date. Rest assured, that all new students will be engaged and get aquainted with life on campus as an Ottawa University Brave.

Fall Family weekend

SEPTEMBER 27-28

This year we are expanding the Fall Family Weekend experience by offering more activities for family and friends to get a look at life an Ottawa University Brave. Activities include short workshops, special events, a concert, and more.

A full schedule of events will be made available before regirstration goes live on August 5. Each registrant will receive a t-shirt and tickets to the athletic events, as well as any other special events they select. Registration provides your OU student with a commemorative t-shirt as well.

Register at www.ottawa.edu/Family

Registration will open Monday, August 5 and closes Wednesday, September 13! Some events will have limited participation, so register early! We hope to see you there!

RETURNING STUDENTS

Be sure to bring your student ID back to campus with you. You will need it to access your residence hall, as well as your Dining Club Membership plan.

If you forget or lose your Braves Card, there is a \$25.00 replacement fee. Get your replacement card in the Office of Student Life (Admin Room 201).

residence life

FIND YOUR ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS ON THE MYOTTAWA PORTAL JULY 1, 2024.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Students seeking assistance regarding accessibility or students who need reasonable accommodations due to a disability can find information, forms, and contact information for their particular campus or unit online at: https://www.ottawa.edu/disability-services Alternatively, students may contact the ADA/504 Coordinator, Carrie Chessmore Stevens, at carrie.stevens@ottawa.edu or 785-248-2326 to be directed to the appropriate person. Please submit your paperwork as early as possible to provide ample time to process your request.

WIRELESS

Ottawa University residence halls are wireless! The University will use either coax and/or HDMI for TV. Any questions call 785-248-2500!

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"

OU HELP

Have computer problems/questions? Forgot a password? Don't know who to call? You can now get the assistance you need 365 days a year. Phone lines are open 7 days a week, while chat is available 24-hours a day. Reach out to OU Help via any of the methods below for technical help and resolution:

Phone: 785-248-2500 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST After Hours 855-268-4357 (855-20U-HELP)

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

WORK STUDY PROCESS

The University process for Student Work Study is as follows:

- ► Login to your MyOttawa Portal, under the Students Tab there should be a link to "Work Study Resources" or click the link below. www.ottawa.edu/WorkStudyResources
- ▶ Download your Student Eligibility Letter
- ▶ Click on the link "Ottawa University Student Work Study Job Postings" Job Opportunities (paycomonline.net)
- ▶ After finding the position of interest, you may apply and MUST include your Eligibility Letter.
- ▶ If selected, the manager will contact HR by issuing your SEA, (Student Employment Agreement). Once HR receives it, we will then send to the student for acknowledgement.
- ▶ After acknowledgement, onboarding and re-hire will be initiated.

NOTE: You will NOT be eligible to begin work until you have finished the Process above.

STUDENT WORK STUDY CONTACTS

COORDINATE AND ASSIST WORK STUDY HIRING MANAGERS

OUKS - Jay Kahnt (Ext.12605 or jay.kahnt@ottawa.edu)

UNIVERSITY-WIDE - Jordan Menefee (Ext. 11065 or Jordan.menefee@ottawa.edu)

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Sarah Kaub – HR Systems Administrator (Ext. 12352 or sarah.kaub@ottawa.edu) Jordan Menefee – GA HR Department (Ext. 11065 or Jordan.menefee@ottawa.edu)

ELIGIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT OF TITLE IV WORK STUDY FUNDING

Mary Reed - Director of Financial Aid (Ext. 27560 or mary.reed@ottawa.edu)

IMPORTANT CHECKLIST

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

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

financial services

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Your account activity is available on the MyOttawa portal. If you have questions on charges, please contact OUAR (888-487-0182). If housing appears to be wrong, please contact the Office of Student Life (785-248-2329).

If you are in need of a payment plan for 2024-25, complete the online payment plan selection form at www.ottawa.edu/OUKSPaymentPlans. You will receive an email to finalize your plan. Please contact OUAR (ouar@ottawa.edu) if you need further information.

To sign in to MyOttawa:

- · Go to myottawa.ottawa.edu
- Username: your student id # (your id number is printed on most documents you receive from Ottawa University)
- Your password for your email and MyOttawa will always be identical.

Follow the steps below to retrieve your password.

- · Go to www.ottawa.edu/ouhelp
- · Click on "What is My OU Student Password."
- Complete the form using your student ID to retrieve your password.
- To reset your password, click on "Reset My OU Student Password."

Once you log-in, you will want to click

- "Students"
- "Financial Information"
- · "Get Started"
- · "Make a Payment"

ARE YOU FINANCIALLY CLEAR?

Be sure that you are financially clear by the deadline listed August 2, or two weeks prior to arrival for fall athletes arriving prior to August 21-22. That means all financial aid documents are completed and payment arrangements have been finalized with the University. If you have questions, contact:

NEW Students

David Tyner at 785-248-2376

Returning Students

OU AR at 888-487-0182 Financial Aid at 800-755-5200, #4

returning students COMPLETE THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Do this NOW so you can enjoy the rest of your summer and avoid annoying emails and letters!

- Make sure you are enrolled! Step 1:
- Step 2: Complete your housing and meal plan forms. We cannot start your clearance process, until we know your housing and meal plan charges. Please remember with the new housing system, you must first be registered for Fall classes, before you can complete these forms. ALSO-be advised you will not be cleared to move in without completing your insurance and immunization forms!
- Step 3: Opt in or out of University health insurance every 16-week
- Step 4: Ensure your financial aid paperwork is complete. If you have any questions, contact the Office of Financial Aid.
- If you need assistance with financial aid AND/OR accounts receivable, students must call financial aid first (unless they have already completed all documents).
- Be financially cleared! In order to be financially cleared, Step7: you will need to have all your paperwork for financial aid completed AND be cleared by accounts receivable. If you are NOT financially cleared, you will NOT be allowed to start in the fall. Your enrollment will be deferred to fall II.

Please remember you will not be allowed to move into your residence halls, attend classes, or participate in a sport without being financially cleared. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

OU Accounts Receivable

For Payment Arrangements 888-487-0182 | ouar@ottawa.edu



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 785-248-2431

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 785-248-2314

Accounts Receivable 888-487-0182

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 insurance waiver/enrollment. Every student will need to enroll in or waive medical coverage for the 2024-25 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 \$2,097 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 Accounts Receivable in order to verify any changes that may occur to your financial packaging.
- If the process has not been completed prior to midnight on Monday, Septmeber 16, 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 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. 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 highly encouraged to get the Covid-19 vaccine and booster, if applicable.

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

fraternity & 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

Phi Phi Phi is an active chapter 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.

The 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 from the Braves Fan Shop allow you to make easy returns, same-day pick-up and guaranteed accuracy, as well as allow you to use your Book Advance (ask instore for details).

TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF

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

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

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

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 Braves Fan Shop 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.

you have mail

Your personal mailbox is located on the lower level of the Gangwish Library. The mail room ensures that all mail (letters and packages) is distributed 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 consists of you receiving 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.

getyourgear

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

https://oubookstore.ottawa.edu

your braves card

How do I use my Braves Card?

Your Braves Card has many functions, so it is important to NOT LOSE it. This important card is your key to campus. It is your:

- Student ID
- Dining Card (so you can eat in the Hetrick Bistro—it houses both Dining Dollars and Braves Cash)
- · Access into your residence hall

In addition, it can be used for purchases on campus such as:

- Vending Machines
- A la carte Items in the Hetrick Bistro (houses both your Dining Dollars and Braves Cash)
- Laundry Facilities within your residence hall.

The best part—you and your parent(s) both have the ability to add money onto your Braves Card by going to www.ottawa.edu/bravescard.

What are Dining Dollars?

These are funds (in correlation with your 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 year.

What is Braves Bucks?

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.

First, you may add funds online with no fees. Online transactions are performed at www.ottawa.edu/bravescard.

Second, your parents can go online and add funds through the same site. Your parents will need your email address in order to add funds to your account.

conquations

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

THOMAS BLOOMFIELD (JR) Chelmsford, EnglandBlue Mountain
KAYDENCE BONEWELL (SO) Colorado Springs, COBennett Hall
MOLLIE MAE BROOKS (SR) Mission, KSMartin Hall
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ORIENTATION LEADERS

TYLER BARRETT Yellville, AR	Junior
STACI BOND Holton, KS	Junior
QUINN BURPEE Eagle River, AK	Senior
DELANIE DEHOYOS San Antonio, TX	Sophomore
JOSLYNN ERSKINE Ogden, UT	Sophomore
JAHKOBY FRANKLIN Lawrence, KS	Senior
CALEB FRUGE George West, TX	Sophomore
CARTER GENZEN Waukee, IA	Senior
PEYTON HACK Topeka, KS	Sophomore
PEYTON HAND Choctaw, OK	Sophomore

El Paso, TX	Senior
DESIREE MARSHALL-Tulsa, OK	
CAITY McMAHON Omaha, NE	Sophomore
TUCKER MELTON Floreville, TX	Sophomore
MACEY MORRIS Stroud, OK	Senior
ASHBY OWEN Fountain Hills, AZ	Senior
JD PEREZ Deming, NM	Senior
ANTHONY REYES Santa Clara, CA	Sophomore
JONATHAN REYES Wichita, KS	Senior
MARTHA RIOS Fort Worth, TX	Junior

CAMERON JACKSON

ALVOOR BUTUEDEO	
ALYSSA RUTHERFOR	
ALEXIS SCHULTZE Ottawa, KS	Senior
NICHOLAS SCHULTZ Ottawa, KS	
ERIN SKEEN Houston, TX	Sophomore
RILEY SMITH Baldwin City, KS	Junior
MARK SPELLS Round Rock, TX	Sophomore
BETHANY URIBE Kansas City, MO	Sophomore
DARBY WEIDL Ottawa, KS	Senior
EMMA WHELAN Tulsa, OK	Junior
KAYLA WHITEAKER Auburn, CA	Junior

STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS

EZEKIEL "ZEKE" REAZIN President Eudora, KS	Senior
RILEY SMITH Vice President	
Baldwin City, KS	Junior

HALLE GONZALEZ Secretary Perry, KS	Senior
MACEY MORRIS	
Treasurer	
Stroud, OK	Senior