New Employee Orientation: Campus Tour – Video Transcript

Introduction

(00:20 – 00:56) Welcome to The Ohio State University! Established in 1873, Ohio State prides itself on being a leading teaching and research institution. Ohio State offers a diverse, challenging work environment and supports professional growth and personal achievement through education and rewards. Joining this University is an exciting step in your career! For the next 5 minutes sit back and let’s take a tour of the people and places that make Ohio State what it is.

Campus Tour

(01:03 – 01:14) There are over 60,000 faculty, staff, and students on the Columbus campus. And while this may seem a bit overwhelming, you might be surprised to find out how easy it is to navigate your way around.

(01:15 – 01:34) If you have never been to Ohio State before the easiest way to get oriented is to find the Oval. The Oval is the open grassy area at the very heart of Ohio State’s Columbus campus; extending from the main Library on the west to almost High Street, Columbus’ main north-south thoroughfare on the east.

(01:35 – 01:45) With its central location and beautiful landscaping the Oval is a natural hangout for many in the OSU community. The Oval is surrounded by nearly twenty buildings that make up the academic part of the campus. These include departments such as Political Science, History of Art, Philosophy, Dance, Music and Geology. You’ll find some impressive historic buildings on and around the Oval. Several are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(02:06 -02:27) And when someone asks “Where are those chimes coming from” you can point to the bell tower on one of our favorite campus landmarks, Orton Hall. Built in 1893 out of forty types of Ohio stone. Orton houses a geological museum and old time library with a peaceful vintage atmosphere.

(02:29 – 02:46) Another campus landmark is University Hall, located on the northwest corner of the Oval. A replica of Ohio State’s first building, University Hall still retains the original 1873 tower clock, entrance and pillars.

(02:47 - 02:54) At the western end of the Oval sits the majestic Main Library, one of more than 20 libraries on our campus.

(02: 56 – 03:23) On the edge of the Oval, nearest High Street, you’ll find the Arts Corridor. Many musical performances take place at Hughes Hall, Weigal Hall and in Mershon Auditorium, the largest stage space on campus with 2,400 seats. And you can’t miss the Wexner Center for the Arts, a leading contemporary arts center that attracts exhibits and performances from around the world.
Situated at the north side of the oval is the Science Corridor. A campus within the campus, the science corridor consists of 20 buildings housing the departments of Chemistry, Physics, Math, Architecture and Computer Science among others. State of the art equipment and testing facilities in the science corridor and the medical facilities have made OSU a leading research institution.

Just south of the Oval is the medical facility. OSU is proud to have the largest medical teaching facility in the nation which employs professionals in fields related to Pharmacy, Nursing and Medicine.

West of the Oval and across the Olentangy River is the Agriculture campus. Agriculture, Horticulture and Veterinary Medicine can all be found here.

Ohio State is a university firmly grounded in more than a 140 year old tradition. But you’ll also find impressive newer facilities on campus. The Fisher College of Business six building mini campus, for example, has state of the art classrooms which house our internationally renowned faculty and diverse student body. The Jerome Schottenstein is home to buckeye basketball and hockey and a wide range of entertainment events. Ohio State residence hall employees work hard to provide students with a warm and inviting experience while they are away from home. Our 28 residence halls are located in three campus areas just north, south and northwest of the oval.

The Ohio State University is rich in tradition and history and we are excited you are now part of this great institution. We are heading in remarkable directions and we couldn’t do it without the help from all faculty and staff members. We welcome you and we look forward to working with you as together, we become the nation’s premier land grant institution.