Welcome!
HELLO! On behalf of the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Department, welcome to The Ohio State University. We look forward to your arrival.

The department has a website with information all new students will need, including information on banking, housing, information for international students, things you should do upon arriving in Columbus, and other important topics. I would highly suggest that you read over these pages. Please visit the website at: http://cbe.osu.edu/graduate/newly-admitted.


Activating your OSU Username
Activating your OSU username is one of the most important things to do now. Your OSU username will be a combination of your last name and a number (commonly seen around Ohio State as your name.#).

Your OSU username will be used all over campus for a number of activities such as registering for classes, accessing different web portals, and receiving e-mails from the University, among other things. Your OSU e-mail address is how the University will contact you for official business. Get into the habit of checking your OSU e-mail address (http://buckeyemail.osu.edu) now - that way you won’t miss out on any important information over the summer. Once you have activated your OSU username, you can also have your e-mail forwarded to another account. To activate your OSU username visit http://my.osu.edu.

Arrival
Students are expected to arrive in Columbus several weeks before the start of the semester. Once you know when you plan on arriving, please email me at Bennett.234@osu.edu to set up an appointment (international students should check-in with OIA first).

Did you know?
The original colors of Ohio State were orange and black. Since Princeton University had already chosen those colors though, the central committee choosing the colors switched them to scarlet and gray.
Orientation
A departmental orientation for new graduate students is scheduled for **Friday, August 19th**. Please check back for more information. The Graduate School orientation is tentatively scheduled for August 22nd.

VISA Reminder for International Students
Students who are not currently citizens of the United States will need to go through the process of obtaining a VISA in order to pursue their graduate studies at Ohio State this autumn. It is important to apply for your VISA to study in the U.S. as soon as you can. Depending on your current citizenship, it can take anywhere from 1 to 3 months to get your VISA processed. As soon as you have your I-20 information in hand, you should begin the VISA application process. If you have any questions about your I-20 or what you should be doing, please feel free to contact the Office of International Affairs at iss@osu.edu. More information can be found here: https://oia.osu.edu/international-students.html.

Helpful Links
Here are links to some commonly-used websites at Ohio State that you may find helpful:

- Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- BuckeyeLink
- My.osu.edu
- Office of International Affairs (OIA)
- The Ohio State University Graduate School
- The Ohio State University College of Engineering
- The Ohio State University

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http://go.osu.edu/CBEyoutube
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Did you know?
The Oval covers more than 11.5 acres of land and was first conceived in 1983 according to a master plan for the University, which “proposed a grouping of buildings around a central open space, generally in the form of a quadrangle.” It was never specified that the space would become oval in shape. The first references to this space as an oval appeared in the Lantern in 1910 and the area became regularly known as “The Oval” in 1920.
How To Register for Classes

Every student must complete a Financial Responsibility Statement (FRS) every term they are enrolled. This statement outlines the terms and conditions of the financial responsibilities and obligations associated with attending Ohio State. You must complete the FRS BEFORE you will be enabled to enroll. You can complete the FRS [here](#).

To begin, you will go online to the “Buckeye Link” ([buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu)). To access the reference guide, click on the link marked Student Center Reference Guide. That will give you links with information on how to register and how to search for courses.

MS Study Plan

You can see sample study plans for MS students on our website: [http://cbe.osu.edu/graduate/enrolled-students/ms-non-thesis](http://cbe.osu.edu/graduate/enrolled-students/ms-non-thesis). These plans are designed for MS Non-Thesis students and are planned for one academic year for students with a ChE undergraduate degree. Your own study plan can be adjusted to fit your needs and interests. If you have an undergraduate degree in Chemistry, you will need to take the make-up coursework before you can register for our graduate core coursework. The MS Non-Thesis plan for Chemistry students is designed to take two years.

The description and a course study plan for MS Thesis students can be found here: [http://cbe.osu.edu/graduate/enrolled-students/ms-thesis](http://cbe.osu.edu/graduate/enrolled-students/ms-thesis).

Autumn 2016 Courses for MS Students

Please register for the following Core Courses:

- CBE 8815 - Advanced Transport
- Chem 6781 - Safety Seminar (Thesis students only)
- Technical Electives

***To find out course offerings and course descriptions of other departments please see the Buckeyelink: [http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/).

Next Letter:

In my next email to you, I will have more information regarding the orientation. I’ve enjoyed getting to know you during the application and recruitment process, and I look forward to helping you in your graduate career in our department. See you soon.

Go Bucks!

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