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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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ADMISSION is selective. About 75% of applicants accepted; 74% of these actually enroll. Average freshman scores: SAT, 457 M, 464 W verbal, 543 M, 511 W mathematical; ACT, 22.5 M, 21.9 W composite, 23.9 M, 21.8 W mathematical. *Required:* SAT or ACT. *Entrance programs:* early decision, early admission, midyear admission, advanced placement. *Apply* by 1 month before registration. *Transfers* welcome; 89 accepted 1976-77.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. *Undergraduate studies* offered by colleges of Liberal Arts, Engineering, Pharmacy. About 45% of liberal arts general education requirements for graduation are elective; distribution requirements fairly numerous. *Class attendance* expected. About 55% of students entering as freshmen graduate eventually; 25% of freshmen do not return for sophomore year. *Undergraduate degrees conferred* (499): 35% were in health professions (all in pharmacy), 13% each were in education (majority in elementary education), business and management (all in business and commerce), 12% in social sciences, 10% in engineering, remainder in 10 other fields. *Special programs:* CLEP, independent study, study abroad, honors, undergraduate research, individualized majors. Admission at ONU College of Law guaranteed for Ohio Northern graduates meeting academic requirements. *Calendar:* quarter, summer school.

GRADUATES CAREER DATA. *Full-time graduate study* pursued immediately after graduation by 18% of students; 2% enter medical school; less than 1% enter dental school; 10% enter law school. Medical schools typically enrolling largest numbers of graduates include Medical College of Ohio; dental schools include Ohio State; law schools include Ohio Northern.

CAMPUS LIFE. University seeks a national student body; 80% of students from Ohio. Ohio Northern is a church-related institution; 1 course in religion required of undergraduates. Religious program on campus is ecumenical in spirit. About 55% of men, 80% of women live in traditional dormitories; no coed dormitories; 25% of men, 20% of women live in off-campus housing or commute. No inter-visitation in men's or women's dormitory rooms. There are 9 fraternities, 4 sororities on campus which about 40% of men, 33% of women join; 20% of men live in fraternities; sororities provide no residence facilities, but have designated areas in women's residence halls.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$2,511; room and board, \$1,245; estimated \$300 other, exclusive of travel. About 57% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$807. University reports some scholarships awarded on the basis of academic merit alone; non-governmental loans available to middle-income students.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Columbus, Ohio 43210

22,012 M, 17,188 W (full-time)

1,665 M, 2,009 W (part-time)

54,579 total graduate and undergraduate

State, 1870

The largest of Ohio's state universities, OSU is also the state's land-grant institution. It is increasingly becoming one of the nation's major graduate centers; its undergraduate student body is one of the largest in the country. The

3,250-acre main campus, supplemented by a variety of other facilities, is located in the state's capital (pop. 605,000). Regional campuses of the university, located at Lima, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark, offer 2 full years of work toward the baccalaureate, some upper-level courses in business and education, and a full 4-year degree program in elementary education.

ADMISSION. Ohio graduates of accredited high schools eligible; 78% of applicants accepted, 77% of these actually enroll; 43% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 69% in top two-fifths. Average freshman ACT scores: 20.5 composite, 20.5 mathematical. *Required:* ACT (for placement only). *Out-of-state* freshman applicants: university seeks students from out of state. Requirement for out-of-state applicants: "demonstrated academic ability." *Nonacademic factors* considered of moderate importance in admissions: alumni children, special talents. *Entrance program:* early admission. *Apply* by Oct. 1; thereafter rolling admissions. *Transfers* welcome; 2,100 M, 1,400 W accepted 1976-77.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. Curriculum in the 5 Arts and Sciences colleges provides wide range of courses majors. Personalized Study Program permits students to plan own degree programs including interdisciplinary majors. All freshmen enroll in University College for at least 1, but not more than 2 years and then transfer to one of the undergraduate degree-granting colleges: Arts and Sciences (including colleges of the Arts, Biological Sciences, Humanities, Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences—latter includes School of Journalism), Administrative Science, Agriculture and Home Economics (including schools of Home Economics, Natural Resources), Education, Engineering (including Schools of Architecture and Social Work); preprofessional work required before admission to baccalaureate programs in schools of Allied Medical Professions, Nursing, Division of Dental Hygiene, College of Pharmacy. *Majors offered* in about 250 programs of study in broad range of arts and sciences and professional/vocational fields. *Undergraduate degrees conferred* (7,028): 21% were in education, 15% in social sciences, 10% in business and management, 7% in engineering, 6% each in agriculture, biological sciences, English, 5% in health professions, remainder in 13 other fields.

Class attendance optional. *Pass/fail option* in some courses. *Special programs:* independent study, study abroad, honors, individualized majors, Freshman Scholar Program, combination programs (arts and sciences and dentistry, education, graduate, or medicine; agriculture and graduate or veterinary medicine; special curriculum leading to AB and certificate in dental hygiene; combination curricula in art education/art, dental hygiene education/dental hygiene, education/arts and sciences or conservation, music education/music). *Doctoral degrees:* agriculture 25, biological sciences 55, business and management 23, computer sciences 4, education 241, engineering 74, English 18, fine and applied arts 13, foreign languages 16, health professions 27, home economics 9, letters 42, mathematics 11, physical sciences 70, psychology 55, social sciences 65. *Library:* 3.1 million volumes, open-stack privileges for undergraduates in honors programs; hours until midnight (10 PM on Saturday); library includes world's first large-scale computerized outline remote circulation system. *Calendar:* quarter, sum-

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mer school. *Miscellaneous*: Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, A, AF, N ROTC.

FACULTY. Nearly 76% of faculty hold doctorate. Average faculty compensation above national average.

STUDENT BODY. University does not seek a national student body; 94% of students from North Central, 6% Middle Atlantic; 1,253 foreign students 1976-77. *Minority group students*: program begun fall 1970 has brought 2,265 minority and economically disadvantaged students to campus; special financial, academic, and social help available.

RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION. Ohio State makes no religious demands on students. Religious clubs on campus include Hillel, Newman, Eastern Orthodox, Islamic, Mennonite, 27 Protestant groups. Places of worship available in immediate community for major faiths.

CAMPUS LIFE. As members of University Senate and many committees, students are involved in governance. New Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities deleted vague general conduct rule, established guidelines for university disciplinary procedures, and contains statement of student rights. Guest hours in dormitories range from weekends only to student-regulated hours. Only 3.2 beer permitted in student union and limited number of other places on campus including all public areas of all student residences on or off campus. Alcohol permitted in dormitory rooms in conformance with state law. Cars allowed but student parking generally restricted to perimeter of main campus. New students who have not been out of high school at least 1 year are required to live in university residence halls. Freshmen may live in living/learning or experimental units providing counseling and academic assistance.

About 8% of students live in traditional dormitories; 14% in coed dormitories; 71% of students in off-campus housing or commute. There are 42 fraternities, 22 sororities on campus which about 8% of men, 7% of women join; 4% of students live in fraternities and sororities.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$840 (out-of-state, \$1,890); room and board, \$1,490; estimated \$450 other, exclusive of travel. About 37% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$1,100. University reports some scholarships awarded on the basis of academic merit alone; nongovernmental loans available to middle-income students.

Ohio State University—Lima Campus

Lima, Ohio 45804

462 M, 371 W (full-time)

State, 1960

A regional campus of Ohio State University, OSU—Lima is a commuter institution serving students in the immediate area; first baccalaureate class in 1970.

ADMISSION. Ohio graduates of accredited high schools eligible; others given individual consideration; almost all applicants accepted. About 42% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 77% in top two-fifths. Average freshman ACT scores: 20 composite, 19.8 mathematical. *Required*: ACT (for placement only). *Entrance programs*: midyear admission, advanced placement. *Apply* by August 15. *Transfers* welcome.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. *Degree*: BSEd. About 10% of general education requirements for graduation are elec-

tive; distribution requirements limited. *Class attendance* required. *Special programs*: honors, individualized majors. *Calendar*: quarter.

CAMPUS LIFE. University does not seek a national student body; almost all students from North Central. OSU—Lima is a state institution, makes no religious demands on students. All students commute. There are no fraternities or sororities.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$765 (out-of-state, \$1,815).

Ohio State University—Mansfield Campus

Mansfield, Ohio 44906

1,189 M, W (full-time)

State, 1966

The Mansfield campus of Ohio State University, like the other regional campuses of the university, is designed primarily to serve commuting students; first baccalaureate class in 1971.

ADMISSION. Ohio graduates of accredited high schools eligible; others given individual consideration; almost all applicants accepted. Average freshman ACT scores: 20.7 composite, 20.8 mathematical. *Required*: ACT (for placement only). *Entrance programs*: midyear admission, advanced placement. *Apply* by August 15. *Transfers* welcome.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. *Degree*: BSEd. *Class attendance* policy varies with instructor. *Special programs*: honors, individualized majors. *Calendar*: quarter.

CAMPUS LIFE. University does not seek a national student body; virtually all students from North Central. OSU—Mansfield is a state institution, makes no religious demands on students. All students commute. There are no fraternities or sororities.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$765 (out-of-state, \$1,815).

Ohio State University—Marion Campus

Marion, Ohio 43302

315 M, 270 W (full-time)

State, 1957

An Ohio State University regional campus, OSU—Marion is a commuter campus serving students in the immediate area; first baccalaureate class graduated in 1972.

ADMISSION. Ohio graduates of accredited high schools eligible; others given individual consideration; almost all applicants accepted. About 19% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 36% in top two-fifths. Average freshman ACT scores: 19.7 composite, 18.6 mathematical. *Required*: ACT (for placement only). *Entrance programs*: midyear admission, advanced placement. *Apply* August 15. *Transfers* welcome.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. *Degree*: BSEd. General education requirements for graduation vary with program; distribution requirements limited. *Class attendance* expected. *Special programs*: honors, individualized majors. *Calendar*: quarter, summer school.

CAMPUS LIFE. University does not seek a national student body; 99% of students from North Central. OSU—Marion is a state institution, makes no religious demands on students. All students commute.

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ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$795 (out-of-state, \$1,815). About 20% of students receive financial aid.

Ohio State University—Newark Campus
Newark, Ohio 43055

421 M, 277 W (full-time) State, 1957

Like the other regional campuses of Ohio State University, OSU—Newark primarily serves students from the surrounding area; first baccalaureate class graduated in 1972.

ADMISSION. Ohio graduates of accredited high schools eligible; others given individual consideration; almost all applicants accepted. *Required:* ACT (for placement only). *Entrance programs:* midyear admission, advanced placement. *Apply* by August 15. *Transfers* welcome.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. *Degree:* BSEd. *Class attendance* required. *Special program:* honors. *Calendar:* quarter, summer school.

CAMPUS LIFE. University does not seek a national student body; more than 90% of students from Ohio. OSU—Newark is a state institution, makes no religious demands on students. All students commute. There are no fraternities or sororities.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$765 (out-of-state, \$1,815); estimated \$400 other, exclusive of travel. About 20% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$460.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Athens, Ohio 45701

5,912 M, 4,549 W (full-time) State, 1804
526 M, 567 W (part-time)
13,518 total graduate and undergraduate

A state university of substantial size, located in a college town of 23,000, 70 miles southeast of Columbus, Ohio University—the oldest institution of higher learning in the historic Northwest Territory—has been changing rapidly in recent years. Branch campuses with 2-year programs are located in Chillicothe, Zanesville, Lancaster, and Belmont.

ADMISSION is selective. About 95% of applicants accepted, 55% of these actually enroll; 26% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 45% in top two-fifths. *Required:* SAT or ACT. *Out-of-state* freshman applicants: university seeks students from out of state. State does not limit out-of-state enrollment. No special requirements for out-of-state applicants. *Nonacademic factor* considered of major importance in admissions: geographical distribution (if from Ohio); alumni children, special talents of moderate importance. *Entrance programs:* early decision, early admission, midyear admission, advanced placement, deferred admission. *Apply* by June 1. *Transfers* welcome; 1,048 accepted 1976–77.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. Freshmen have option of enrolling in University College where selected faculty help them to plan academic programs suited to their interests, or of enrolling immediately in degree-granting college of choice. In sophomore year, most students transfer to other degree colleges; others remain in University College where

they may earn the associate degree or self-structured baccalaureate degree in general studies. Administration reports 43% of general education courses required for graduation are elective; distribution requirements fairly numerous: 18 credit each in social sciences, humanities, natural sciences; 24 other credits including language. *Undergraduate studies* offered by colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication (including schools of Hearing and Speech Sciences, Interpersonal Communication, Journalism, Radio-Television), Education (including School of Home Economics, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation), Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts (including schools of Art, Dance, Music, Theater). *Majors offered* in Arts and Sciences in addition to usual studies include geography, social work. *Undergraduate degrees conferred* (main campus, 3,193): 25% were in education (majority in elementary education), 14% in communications, 12% in business and management, 10% in interdisciplinary studies, 9% in social sciences, 4% each in biological sciences (almost all in zoology), English and English literature (almost all in English), remainder in 11 other fields.

Class attendance optional. *Pass/fail option* in some courses. About 41% of students entering as freshmen graduate eventually; 36% of freshmen do not return for sophomore year. *Special programs:* CLEP, independent study, study abroad, honors-tutorial, undergraduate research, individualized majors, early admission to graduate college, area studies (African, Southeast Asian, Latin American), combined programs (forestry with Duke, medical technology), internship in accounting. *Doctoral degrees:* biological sciences 5, communications 15, education 30, engineering 3, English and English literature 14, fine and applied arts 10, health professions 2, letters 5, mathematics 2, physical sciences 16, psychology 14, social sciences 3. *Library:* 800,000 volumes, open-stack privileges; hours until midnight. *Calendar:* quarter, summer school. *Average faculty compensation* above national average. *Miscellaneous:* Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, A, AF ROTC.

STUDENT BODY. University seeks a national student body; 20% of students from out-of-state. *Minority group students:* special financial aid; degree program in black studies.

RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION. Ohio U. is a state institution, makes no religious demands on students. Religious clubs on campus include Bahai, Baptist, Catholic, Christian Science, Eastern Orthodox, Hillel, Intervarsity, Lutheran, Phi Chi Delta, Wesley. Places of worship available in immediate community for 3 major faiths.

CAMPUS LIFE. A student leader reports that the university "does have its share of excellent cultural affairs, excellent publications, and young (and stimulating) professors." Students can choose from unlimited to variously limited visitation zones in residence halls. Policy on alcohol conforms to state law. Motor vehicles allowed for all. University now requires virtually all freshmen and sophomores to live in dormitories to guarantee sufficient income to retire bonds financing dorm construction. Current student leader characterizes social regulations as "relatively free," but reports active student concern with freshman dorm hours and coed living arrangements.

About 32% of men, 34% of women live in traditional