

HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE REGISTRAR FOR WINTER QUARTER 1998

NEW FOR WI'98

•You will soon be able to register for classes, and perform add/drop functions via the web. Watch for more details in Dec. and Jan.

•Read the information included with this mailing regarding the Hope Scholarship Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Not attending Wi'98?.....292-8500
Address/Phone # Changes.....292-7598
Questions About Fee Balances.....292-EASE
Questions About Financial Aid.....292-0300
Direct Loan Information.....292-0200
BRUTUS.....292-9999
BRUTUS Wait-List.....292-9696

USEFUL WEB SITES

To check course availability, wait-list info, change your address, view your grades and class schedule or prepare an advising report: <http://www.ureg.ohio-state.edu>.

To check Direct Loan information: <https://www2.uts.ohio-state.edu/ba2/sfa/sfastatus.html>.

USEFUL E-MAIL ADDRESSES

registrar@osu.edu
bursar@osu.edu

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

•The Fee Payment Deadline for Wi'98 is Monday, December 16, unless otherwise noted on your Statement of Account.

•The priority filing deadline for financial aid for the 1998-99 academic year is Mon., March 2, 1998, for all continuing students

FEE PAYMENT

TO PAY YOUR FEES:

- IF YOU OWE NO MONEY (because your fees are paid by a third party, financial aid, or a fee authorization):
If you are attending: Your fee payment will be confirmed automatically. If you have a credit

balance, it will be available for disbursement on the date indicated, as long as your eligibility for receiving funds continues.

If you are not attending: Contact the Office of the University Registrar at 614/292-8500, or return your enclosed Statement of Account with a note regarding your non-attendance.

PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED, OR MADE IN PERSON BY DECEMBER 16, 1997, FOR WINTER QUARTER UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

• IF YOU OWE MONEY:

BY MAIL: Return a check or money order payable to The Ohio State University with the bottom portion of your Statement of Account. Write the student's name and social security number on the check. Use the enclosed return envelope or mail to: (Do not use campus mail).

Office of Fees, Deposits & Disbursements
The Ohio State University
Department 0997
Columbus, Ohio 43271-0997

IN PERSON: Make payment in person to the Office of Fees, Deposits and Disbursements at:

220 Lincoln Tower, 1800 Cannon Drive
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

TO ADJUST/ADD/DROP ANY FEES

INSURANCE AND OTHER OPTIONAL FEES:

To drop or add fees for insurance, traffic and parking, or scholarship and government contributions, indicate the desired change in the space provided on the Statement of Account, call 614/292-EASE, or send your request via e-mail to bursar@osu.edu.

REQUIRED FEES: If you requested a full-time schedule and received fewer hours, your bill is based on requested hours.

IF YOU WANT TO PAY FOR FEWER HOURS:

1. Select the appropriate Fee Chart located in this brochure to determine the amount owed (this would be the "Qualified Resident Total" or the "Nonresident Total", whichever is appropriate.)
2. Write the revised number of credit hours on the tear-off section of your Statement of Account and the adjusted amount of fees from the fee charts, in the payment box. Then submit that form with your payment.
3. Drop any wait-listed courses so that you will not get scheduled for additional hours.

IF YOU PAY FOR INTENDED HOURS and do not add enough credits to be full-time, a refund will be issued in the student's name, or you can request a

refund in person at Fees, Deposits and Disbursements.

FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS: If you were billed for full-time hours and do not have full-time hours, your aid will be adjusted and/or canceled. Contact a financial aid counselor in 517 Lincoln Tower, 614/292-0200, or extended campus office, if you have any questions.

PAYMENT DEADLINES AND PENALTIES

PAYMENT DEADLINE: Your payment must be postmarked or made in person by December 16, 1997 for Winter Quarter, unless otherwise indicated on your statement.

DO NOT USE CAMPUS MAIL: Late penalties are assessed according to U.S. Postmarks. Any undated payments received after your deadline WILL be assessed a late penalty.

LATE PENALTIES: Late penalties begin to accrue the day after your fees are due (NOT including Saturdays, Sundays, or Holidays) as follows:

First Day Late: \$30.00 Penalty
Each Additional Day: Add \$3.00/day

After January 20, 1998, for Winter Quarter, the University reserves the right to refuse payment and cancel your registration. IF APPROVED TO PAY AFTER THIS DATE, YOU WILL BE CHARGED A \$125.00 LATE PENALTY.

Residence and Dining Halls assesses late penalties in addition to these tuition penalties.

TUITION OPTION PAYMENT PLAN (TOPP)

TOPP is a payment plan that allows you or your family to pay tuition and other University expenses in three monthly installments per quarter without interest charges. An application fee of \$35.00 will enroll you in the program for the entire academic year (Autumn through Summer). NOTE: You must reapply each year.

If you are participating in TOPP, your Statement of Account should reflect that you are being billed separately through that program. Be sure to submit your payment by the appropriate TOPP and University deadlines to avoid any late fee. If you are interested in paying via TOPP, contact Fees, Deposits and Disbursements at 614/292-TOPP.

TO INSURE YOUR PAID STATUS

DO NOT WRITE "BAD" CHECKS AS PAYMENT:

If your payment is not honored upon presentation to the bank, your receipt is null and void and your registration may be canceled. If you are permitted to re-register and/or pay, a \$15.00 penalty will be assessed PLUS any late penalties in effect at the time of repayment.

CLEAR ALL HOLDS PRIOR TO PAYMENT/CONFIRMATION: If there is a hold on your record, you can only DROP classes. Any payments made are applied first to any previous balance due, which may prevent you from completing your current enrollment. Contact the office which placed the hold if you have any questions about clearing the hold.

ADDITIONAL FEES

RESIDENCE AND DINING HALLS FEES:

1. Charges appear for contracted services. Do NOT adjust these fees.
2. Residents will receive information about arrival and check-in procedures in a separate mailing. Residence and Dining Halls fees must be paid before check-in is permitted.
3. If you do not intend to enroll on the Columbus campus for Winter Quarter 1998, you must also notify Residence and Dining Halls, in writing, or your contract will remain in effect. You may use the orange Non-Enrollment Notice card, which is available at residence hall desks, or was enclosed with your housing materials. Failure to pay fees is NOT notification that you will not be living in the residence halls.
4. Direct any questions or requests to change your contract to the Housing Assignments Office, 350 Morrill Tower, 614/292-8266.

NONRESIDENT FEES:

1. **Selective Service** - If you are a male between the ages of 18-26, you must report your selective service number to the Office of the University Registrar, 320 Lincoln Tower, 1800 Cannon Drive, 614/292-8500, or non-resident fees must be assessed, in compliance with state law.
2. **If you have any questions** regarding the non-resident fee or if you need information regarding your eligibility to be classified as an Ohio resident for tuition surcharge purposes, immediately contact the Office of the University Registrar 614/292-8500, 320 Lincoln Tower, 1800 Cannon Drive, Columbus, OH 43210.

FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

Your enclosed Statement of Account shows aid from University, state, federal and private financial aid programs. The date listed next to each financial aid credit indicates the date that funds from that program will actually be available. Some or all of these dates may be later than the Due Date on your Statement of Account. The amount indicated in the "Pay This Amount" box takes into consideration financial aid, including those with dates later than the Due Date. If you accepted aid after the printing of your Statement of Account, note it and deduct it from your Balance Due.

YOU MUST PAY THE AMOUNT INDICATED IN THE BOX BY THE "DUE DATE" NOTED

If you have a zero or credit balance in the "Pay This Amount" box, your registration is automatically confirmed (you are considered enrolled for Wi'98). If you are not planning to attend, you need to call the Registrar at 614/292-8500 or return the Statement of Account indicating that you will not attend.

Balances which exceed charges (cash due you) will be available for disbursement after the latest financial aid credit date. If you do not remain eligible for the financial aid programs at the time of the actual credit dates appearing on your statement, those funds cannot be disbursed to you, and you may owe an additional charge. If you have questions about the availability of those funds and how they will be disbursed, call 614/292-EASE after the financial aid credit date(s) listed.

Credit balances will be mailed to you during the second week of classes and approximately every other week thereafter, unless you have made arrangements for direct deposit. Direct Deposits are scheduled every week through the sixth week of the quarter. Contact the Office of Fees, Deposits and Disbursements at 614/292-2812 or send e-mail to bursar@osu.edu for more information.

You can now access your own Federal Direct Loan information electronically at <https://www2.uts.ohio-state.edu/ba2/sfa/sfastatus.html>, or through the new IVR telephone system at 614/292-0200.

IF YOU ANTICIPATE ANY FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY IN PAYING

Contact a Student Financial Aid counselor in 517 Lincoln Tower at 614/292-0300. If you attend an Extended Campus or ATI, contact the financial aid office of the respective campus.

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

If you are closed out of any class, the following options are available: (1) Place your name on the electronic wait-list for the course; (2) Choose another class and make schedule adjustments through BRUTUS; (3) Consult with your advisor about other course options or for alternate means to enter a closed course. As a final option, seek permission directly from the instructor or department office.

TO MAKE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

IF YOU ARE PERMITTED TO USE BRUTUS:

1. BRUTUS is available through Jan. 9, 1998.
2. Prepare before you call. Choose an alternative when adding classes in case your first choice is not available. You also have the option of going on an electronic wait-list for a closed course. See the panel regarding "Wait-Listing" in this

brochure. You may also wish to investigate class availability on Extended Campuses to fulfill your course requirements. Information is also available at <http://www.ureg.ohio-state.edu>.

3. Dial 614/292-9999, from a Touch Tone phone, and you will be directed through the schedule adjustment process. BRUTUS is available from 8:00am to 8:00pm on Sunday. Evening hours are usually less busy. Refer to the Master Schedule of Classes for detailed instructions.

IF YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE BRUTUS:

Contact your college office academic advisor.

FEE INCREASES DUE TO SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS:

1. Made before Dec. 16, 1997, for Wi'98 are payable on the date originally noted on your Statement of Account.
2. Made in your College Office after Dec. 16, 1997, for Wi'98 must be paid within 48 hours. You should be handed a schedule copy and balance sheet at the time of this transaction. If not, ask for one.
3. Made via BRUTUS after Dec. 16, 1997, for Wi'98 result in another Statement of Account and a revised deadline date. BRUTUS will give you this date over the phone at the time of your transaction. If you do not receive a revised Statement of Account within ten days after the transaction, please promptly contact the Office of the University Registrar, 614/292-8500. Return your payment directly to Fees and Deposits, 220 Lincoln Tower, 1800 Cannon Drive. Be sure to include your SSN and Wi'98 on your check or money order.

ATTENDANCE IN CLASSES

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:

1. Winter Quarter classes begin January 5, 1998. If you will be delayed in attending your classes, notify the departments that teach your classes, as well as your advisor, before the quarter begins.
2. You should review a copy of the Master Schedule of Classes Supplement, available in many buildings on campus, for updated information on room or time changes.

CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT ATTENDING WINTER QUARTER '98?

1. **IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID FEES** - Please call 614/292-8500 to inform us that you are not going to attend. This will free up your spaces in classes for other students.
2. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FEES** - Contact your college office to withdraw. Do not stop

payment on your check as a way to initiate your withdrawal.

WAIT-LISTING

See the Master Schedule of Classes Bulletin for additional wait-list information. Here are some important reminders about the system:

Students are processed from a wait-list on a "first-on, first-off" basis, whenever there is a course drop, a course limit increase, or new sections are added. Any open seat must fit into your existing schedule to get processed. If you need to block certain times during the day (e.g. when you work) from being available for a wait-listed course, use "Free Time." See your Master Schedule for details.

Students should find out whether or not they have been scheduled from the wait-list or their current position on a wait-list by calling 614/292-9696, on a touch-tone telephone. Have your Social Security Number and Personal Access Code available when you call.

NOTE...Call 292-9696 every few days before classes begin to check your wait-list status, and every day once classes begin. You may want to attend the course the first several days of the quarter in case you get scheduled off the wait-list.

Your registration into any section of a wait-listed course automatically removes your wait-list entry. The system is course-based, not section-based. If you decide not to take a course for which you are wait-listed, call 614/292-9696 and drop your wait-list request. Otherwise, you may still get scheduled into the course.