THE OPIE ZONE

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 26th
OPIE Composition Test
In Core Classes

Wednesday, July 27th
No OPIE Classes

Wednesday, July 27th
OPIE Conversation Hour
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Gordy 113

Thursday, July 28th
Open Stage
8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Donkey Coffee
Court and Washington St. Downtown
http://donkeycoffee.com

Saturday, July 30th
Athens Farmers Market
9:00 to 12:00 p.m.
1000 East State St
http://athensfarmersmarket.org

New Online OPIE Final Reports!

At the end of the semester in OPIE you receive an important report that gives you your grades and other information. OPIE is going to offer these reports in an electronic format starting this semester. Make sure that you carefully read all the information in the report and keep in mind that it may be several pages long.

Here are the steps to access the end of semester reports:

1. Log in to https://webapps.ohio.edu/oasis with our OU ID and password (which is also linked from the registrar's website via the DARS button)
2. Click on the OPIE menu tab, on the top left side of site.
3. You will see every EOS report from OPIE designated by semester and year.
4. Click on the report, read it carefully, and follow any directions. Make sure you click on ALL hyperlinks on the report. They have important information for you.
5. If you have questions about the information in the report, contact the OPIE office in Gordy 155.

Go to http://tinyurl.com/j3cwp53 to view a video on how to do it.

You can find the instructions and video any time on the main OPIE webpage on the right under “Study with OPIE”

http://linguistics.ohio.edu/opie/
Testing Information

1) All OPIE students will take the Composition Test on **Tuesday, July 26** in their CORE classes.

2) Students in the Elementary and Intermediate levels (including High Intermediate) will take the English Placement Test on **Friday, July 29 at 9 a.m. in Grover W115**. All students should bring a photo ID to the English Placement Test. Classes will resume at 11:50 a.m.

3) Students in the Advanced and Bridge levels will take the TOEFL Test on **Saturday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in Bentley 233**.

   Students in the Elementary and Intermediate levels *may* take the TOEFL test but are *not required* to test. No sign-up is necessary. Students should report to their testing room on Saturday, July 30. **All students should BRING an OHIO ID or a photo ID to the TOEFL TEST. A $30 testing fee will be posted to your student account.**

4) **Attention:** Please do NOT bring bags or cell phones with you to the English Placement and TOEFL tests. Leave them at home. During the test, you are NOT allowed to keep phones with you in your pockets, in bags, or under your desks. If you bring a bag and/or phone, you must give them to a proctor for the duration of the test. Belongings will be returned to you when you finish the test.

5) During the TOEFL Test on **Saturday, July 30**, students will not be permitted to leave the testing room to put money in parking meters. **Please park your car in a NON-metered spot.**

6) OPIE English Proficiency reports will be distributed ONLINE! Go to **http://tinyurl.com/myOPIEreport** for complete instructions.

   Students who have earned one term of "No Credit" during any past quarter/semester OR who have earned "No Progress" during the previous semester should plan to access their reports **BEFORE** they leave the country.

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Bike Sharing

Are you going to be traveling in The United States between semesters? Many cities here now have bike sharing programs that allow you to use a bicycle while you are there. This can allow you easy travel in these cities without having to worry about how you might travel while you are there.

If you don’t have a car this can be a nice alternative to walking or taking the bus. If you have a car, you can use this to save on parking hassles, fuel, and potential vandalism or theft to your car.

Denver, Minneapolis, Washington D.C., Boston, Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and New York City as well as others have bikes that you can use for a nominal fee. Take a look at **http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_sharing_system** to see a complete listing.

Columbus is one of the newest cities to provide this benefit **http://cogobikeshare.com** They will have 300 bicycles and 30 stations in the downtown area for people to use. A 24 hour pass is only $6 and allows you unlimited rides of 30 minutes. With this, you could easily head to the Short North area do some shopping, grab a bicycle and head down to German Village to enjoy perusing the books at the Book Loft, and then grab another bicycle and enjoy a short cruise along the Scioto riverfront.

Athens even has a form of bike sharing! Did you know that you can check out a bicycle at the Athens County Public Library? They have bikes for adults and children and can be checked out for up to 3 hours. Best of all the bikes are free to check out, just like a book! Please go to **https://www.myacpl.org/bikes/ for guidelines.**

This would give you a great opportunity to get some exercise and see a city as you might not have seen it before.