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Welcome to Ohio State **DESIGN**

Dear Incoming MFA Students,

We're so glad you're here! All emails moving forward will only be sent to your [BuckeyeMail](#). If you have not done so already, please follow the [New Student Checklist](#).

Upcoming emails will contain important information and numerous helpful resources as you prepare to join us or return to campus this fall. Everything in scarlet and underlined is a link—just hit CTRL + click to be taken immediately to the referenced page.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 15th – Arrive on campus
- August 17th – Orientation week begins. There will be events throughout the week to orient you with the program, department, college, university, and more.
 - Keep this week open.
 - A more detailed schedule will arrive by August 1st.
 - Events from the University and Graduate School may be emailed to you, as well.
- August 20th – Department orientation day. You will meet all faculty and receive an overview of the curriculum, expectations, handbook, and more.
- August 25th – First day of classes

NEXT STEPS:

- Begin planning your course schedule for the fall and registering for courses. See the “AU26 Course Scheduling Guide” PDF for more details.
- Download the [Ohio State App](#) for resources about food, busses, and more.
- Make sure you have technology that meets college [technology requirements](#).
 - If you have financial need, the university has limited resources available through the [Student Technology Loan Program](#).
- Review important online resources highlighting the information you will need for Autumn Semester.
 - [Virtual Orientation for Incoming Graduate Students](#)
 - Designed as a [Carmen Canvas course](#), this will provide you with an overview of the Graduate School, graduate education at Ohio State, and the resources available to all graduate students. Due to its asynchronous nature, you are welcome to review it at their convenience.
 - [Research, Career Development, and Social/Wellness/Student Life resources](#) provided by the Graduate School are available.

- **Graduate Minors, Graduate Interdisciplinary Specializations, and Graduate Certificates** may interest you and enhance your graduate studies.
- **Graduate School Survival Tips from a professor at Brown University.** – For fun.
- **International Students** - hospitality information for when you arrive with campus partner organization **International Friendships.**
- Review the attached PDF resources including:
 - 2026 – 2027 Academic Year Overview
 - 2026 Resources Guide
- Familiarize yourself with the **Department of Design website.**
 - **Graduate Studies**
 - **DAIM**
 - **DRD**
 - **Electives**
 - **Department Resources**

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at leone.148@osu.edu (be careful to **not** email leone.148@buckeyemail.osu.edu -- OSU separates staff and student accounts).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ange Leone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ange" and last name "Leone" clearly distinguishable.

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