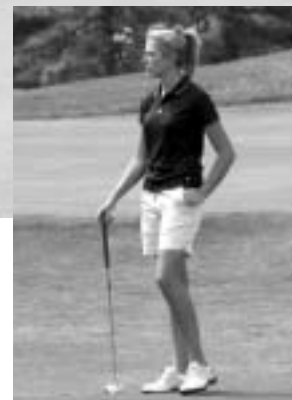


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The File on Ohio University

- Ohio University offers 294 undergraduate majors and offers master's degrees in nearly all academic areas and doctoral degrees from selected departments.

- There are 41 residence halls on the main campus housing 7,600 students.

Ohio University has 350 registered student organizations, including 34 fraternities and sororities.

- Ohio University's Alden Library has been designated as an official research library. Only 113 libraries in the country have received this honor.

- Ohio University has been cited for academic quality and value by such publications as America's 100 Best College Buys, Princeton Review's Best Colleges and Peterson's Guide to Competitive College. The John Templeton Foundation has also recognized Ohio University as one of the top character-building institutions in the country. In 2002, U.S. News & World Report ranked Ohio University 45th in the nation for academic quality.

- At 83 percent, the retention rate for freshmen is among the nation's highest for a public university and equals that of many private schools. The 79 percent retention rate for minority students is also among the nation's best.

- There are 846 full-time faculty with a student/professor ratio of 20 to 1. Full-time and permanent part-time faculty teach 80 percent of classes while graduate students teach 15 percent and Ohio University administrators teach the remaining five percent.

- Editors of newspapers with circulations over 10,000 rank the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism among the nation's best. It is one of the select journalism schools to be accredited in six professional areas: advertising, broadcast news, magazine journalism, news writing and editing, online journalism and public relations. The Scripps School has received two excellence awards from the Ohio Board of Regents, an accomplishment no other Ohio journalism school can claim.

- Ohio University has nearly 175,000 living alumni with almost 6,000 alumni living abroad. The largest contingents (in order) are in Ohio, California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Illinois and Texas. There are more than 60 active alumni chapters in 21 states and 10 foreign countries.

- On the Athens campus, there are 16,854 undergraduate students, 1,125 of whom are from other countries.

- In May 2004, Ohio University announced the achievement of its Bicentennial Campaign by exceeding its goal, raising \$202.3 million in gift commitments. The generous support of the thousands of donors makes it possible for the University to eventually establish eight new Endowed Chairs and 35 new Named Professorships. The donations also assure \$40.1 million in support to existing scholarships as well as the creation of 1,226 new scholarships – including 68 Cutler Scholarships. The campaign also raised \$11.6 million for new or improved capital facilities, \$29.3 million for innovative programs and \$13.2 million for technological enhancements.



Officially established in 1804, Ohio University opened its doors in 1808 with one professor, one building and three students as the Northwest Territory's first educational institution. After 200 years, it continues to be distinguished as a leader in education.

The University traces its history to the Ordinance of 1787 that established the Northwest Territory and decreed that "... schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Because it was the first institution of higher education in the Territory, Ohio University justly claims the distinction of being "Ohio's First University."

Today, Ohio University is a comprehensive, co-educational, state-assisted institution serving more than 28,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students on its main campus in Athens and its regional campuses in Chillicothe, Ironton, Lancaster, St. Clairsville and Zanesville.

The University is proud of its diverse student body, which includes students from every state in the nation and approximately 100 countries around the world. This creates a cosmopolitan atmosphere and an international flair, which add important dimensions to campus life.

Ohio University is a residential campus and, as a result, students and faculty alike enjoy a special sense of community – a kind of "family feeling" that is unusual at most colleges. Few students commute and most stay on campus during weekends to take advantage of a variety of social, recreational and entertainment opportunities. University residence halls are grouped on "greens" adjacent to the main campus area. Each of the greens is like a small neighborhood, complete with its own distinctive character and attributes. Students quickly develop intense loyalties to "their" hall and green.

The impressive natural beauty of southeastern Ohio adds yet another distinction to the University, providing a setting that visitors often describe as "looking like a college ought to look."

Academically, Ohio University has professional schools clustered around a core of traditional, liberal arts coursework. The University-wide general education curriculum provides all students with basic writing and quantitative skills, breadth of knowledge – in applied science and technology, cross-cultural perspectives, fine arts and humanities, natural sciences, mathematics and social sciences – and synthesis.

Ohio University offers more than 250 areas of undergraduate study through the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services and Honors Tutorial. University College offers two baccalaureate degrees.



At the graduate level, Ohio University offers master's and doctoral degrees in nearly all disciplines. The College of Osteopathic Medicine – the only one in the state of Ohio – trains physicians who often specialize in family practice medicine.

In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching designated Ohio University as a "Research University II." Only 125 of the 3,600 schools assessed by the Foundation are classified as Research Universities.

The Ohio University Athens campus consists of over 1,700 acres and more than 200 major buildings. Cutler Hall, which currently serves as the main administration building, was built in 1816 and is registered as a National Historic Landmark.

The city of Athens, located 75 miles southeast of Columbus, is a classic college town, with brick-paved roadways, street vendors, restored storefronts and quaint specialty shops. "Uptown" Athens is literally just across the street from campus and there is a comfortable relationship between "town and gown." Twelve state parks and thousands of acres of state and national forest surround Athens County and provide extensive recreational opportunities.



Ohio Athletics

Building on a Foundation of Success

As Ohio's first and finest institution of higher learning, Ohio University's athletic tradition is rich and storied.

Ohio University currently fields 20 teams, the most recent additions being women's lacrosse (1999), women's soccer (1997) and women's golf (1996).

Ohio University was a charter member of the Mid-American Conference, which began in 1946. Other first-year members included Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve. Ohio's primary rival, the Miami RedHawks, joined the following year.

The MAC is the sixth-oldest NCAA Division I conference and is the oldest such organization to establish a Hall of Fame, which features five Ohio Bobcats: **Kermit Blosser, Bill Hess, Caroline Mast, Jim Snyder and Bob Wren**. The University also fields its own Hall of Fame, with more than 200 inductees.

In addition to those five Bobcat legends, Ohio University boasts other distinguished athletic alums. **Paul "Snoopy" Graham, Dave Jamerson, Gary Trent and Brandon Hunter** each went to the National Basketball Association when their Bobcat playing days

were over. Hunter was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 2003 and was selected by the Charlotte Bobcats in the 2004 expansion draft while Trent currently plays for the Minnesota Timberwolves after three seasons in Dallas and stops in Portland and Toronto.



Baseball Hall of Famer **Mike Schmidt** began his storied career as a Bobcat. He joined with Wren, current Ohio baseball coach **Joe Carbone** and associate head coach **Bill Toadvine** to win a MAC Championship and advance to the 1970 College World Series. Another former Bobcat, **Bob Brenly**, managed the Arizona Diamondbacks to their first World Series championship in 2001, his first year of coaching.

Other Bobcat legends include two-sport professional athlete **Frank Baumholtz**, who played basketball and baseball at Ohio prior to graduating in 1941. Cleveland Brown **Vince Costello** (1953) was a Bobcat, as was professional golfer **Dow Finsterwald** (1952). **Dave Zastudil**, a 2001 All-American, is currently the punter for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

As the Bobcats move into the 21st century, so do the University's athletic facilities. Football's Peden Stadium, which was built in 1929, is one of the oldest in the nation. However, like a fine wine, the facility has gotten better with age. The Peden Tower Complex is home to the Joan and Wallace Phillips Academic Services Center and the football coaching staff, as well as locker, training and equipment rooms. The Phillips Center allows Ohio athletes the opportunity to pursue off-the-field academic success in a first-rate environment.

The addition of broadcast-quality lights in 1999 allowed night games. Later that season, the state-of-the-art **Dr. Steve and Kathy Carin** Strength and Conditioning Center was completed. The Carin Center is a nationally competitive facility that allows several teams the ability to work out concurrently. In 2000-01,

Peden Stadium underwent a renovation project in which the playing field was lowered and seats were added. In 2002, a FieldTurf surface was installed and a new scoreboard and video screen make their debut in 2003. The expansion and improvement motif does not end with football. Ohio's field hockey, lacrosse and track teams compete at **Pruitt Field**, a multi-purpose facility completed in 1999.



Other recent additions to the athletics mall are the beautiful and functional **Bob Wren Stadium** and the **Ohio Softball Complex**. The Ohio baseball team has called the 3,000-seat Wren Stadium home since 1998. The Ohio Softball Complex is equally impressive. Opened in 1999, the stadium saw its home team win seven consecutive games. Future plans call for the construction of a permanent press box and seating area surrounding the field. Both facilities, along with the Convocation Center and soccer's **Chessa Field**, now feature new Daktronics scoreboards.

Just to the east of the Ohio Softball Complex is perhaps the University's most recognized building, the



Convocation Center. "The Convo," built in 1968, seats more than 13,000 fans and is home to Ohio's basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams.



The Convo is an especially exciting place for basketball fans. It has been the site of a women's NCAA first-round game and numerous men's NIT contests, as well as the early rounds of the Ohio high school state basketball tournament.

A new floor and new video scoreboards highlight The Convo's recent



improvements. The building also houses **The Vern and Marion Alden** Basketball Suite, the Phillips Center Auditorium, athletics department offices and athletic training facilities.

Across Richland Avenue from The Convo is the **Aquatic Center**, home to Ohio University's highly successful swimming and diving program. It features an Olympic-sized pool with 16 25-yard lanes and 10 50-yard lanes, as well as one- and three-meter diving boards.

With a seating capacity of over 1,100, the center has hosted the NCAA Diving Regionals and the MAC Swimming and Diving Championships, where the Bobcats have captured eight men's and nine women's crowns.

On-the-field success and competitive facilities are two-thirds of the puzzle. Bobcat fans eagerly provide the third piece, helping to make the Ohio Athletics tradition as strong as it has ever been.

Whether it's the O-Zone student section in The Convo, cheering fans at Bob Wren Stadium or a child with her face painted at a Bobcat football game, Ohio's supporters are willing to go the extra yard for their favorite team. Bobcat fans have traveled to Alaska, Hawaii and Canada to cheer on their team. They also make their presence felt in the closer locales of MAC schools. Chances are, when a

Bobcat team leaves Athens for a competition, it will see friendly faces wherever it goes.

Ohio Athletics is an organization firmly planted in the present, with a focus on a strong foundation of success and a view toward what promises to be an equally successful future. The Bobcats, like their namesake, remain on the move.



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Distinguished Bobcats

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MEDIA RELATIONS

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E-MAIL SERVICE

Every press release that is released by Ohio Athletics Media Relations is available via e-mail. To be added to this distribution list, please send an e-mail request to sports.media@ohio.edu.

GAMEDAY INFORMATION

Interested members of the media are provided with a game program, team game notes, media guide (when requested) and standard NCAA statistics as soon as possible after the conclusion of the competition.

PLAYER/COACH INTERVIEWS

Please arrange all interviews during the week through Bob Lee in the Ohio Athletics Media Relations office. Advance preparation is encouraged as 24-hours notice is required. Interviews will be conducted around practices unless special circumstances are present.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Ohio's locker room is closed to all media. Interviews for either team may be arranged through Ohio's golf contact, Bob Lee, at the conclusion of each event.

PRACTICES

Most team practices are open to the media. Please contact Bob Lee in the Ohio Athletics Media Relations office for updates on the team's practice schedule and availability for access.

WEBSITE

The official website of Ohio Athletics is ohiobobcats.com. In addition to press releases, specific team information (rosters, schedules, statistics, bios, etc.) for all 20 varsity sports is available. Box scores from most sporting events are available in the schedule/results section of the particular sport and links to Ohio Sports Network radio broadcasts are also included.

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