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In the College of Education and Human Sciences you will learn to enhance human lives and impact the world for the better. This preparation for a life of meaningful service requires not only high-quality academic programs but also purposeful learning opportunities and support beyond the classroom.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE & CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Students in the College of Education and Human Sciences are empowered to apply their learning within their desired fields through professional experiences integrated into their academic programs. From professional internships to student teaching, these experiences prepare you to enhance human lives and impact the world for the better immediately upon graduation.

The career development staff of the College of Education and Human Sciences will guide you in your search for volunteer, shadowing, internship and professional practice experiences as well as support your applications for full time positions or for graduate and professional school opportunities as you approach graduation. Embracing the philosophy of career development as a process that occurs across your entire college experience, the career development staff engages you beginning in your first semester to facilitate career exploration, decision-making and professional development through individual consultations, presentations, resources and activities.

AMBASSADOR PEER MENTORS

We believe in supporting one another’s success. You will experience this first hand when interacting with our trained ambassador peer mentors during your first year on campus. The ambassadors are a select group of successful students in our college who will mentor and encourage you to get involved in the community, develop yourself professionally, take charge of your academic success and persist to graduation. They will also champion your success by connecting you to valuable campus support and resources.

All first-year seminar courses have ambassadors who will mentor you in class as well as meet with you out of class to provide encouragement and peer guidance. Ambassadors also serve as mentors and leaders of small groups for our Freshmen Scholar Leaders program and as residential peer mentors and community leaders for the college’s living-learning program, The P.E.T.E. Project.
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Participating in undergraduate research will provide you with an opportunity to synthesize learning from the classroom and apply your knowledge toward creative inquiry and problem-solving. By participating in undergraduate research, you will have the chance to present your research at on-campus undergraduate research symposiums, compete for undergraduate research scholarships, and may receive an Undergraduate Research Scholar transcript designation. Such experiences are invaluable in choosing a career or in applying for graduate or professional school.

Freshmen research opportunities for students in the College of Education and Human Sciences range from short-term volunteering to working as a part-time student assistant supporting faculty-led research projects. Incoming students with a research curiosity are encouraged to apply for OSU’s Freshmen Research Scholars program, an opportunity that allows you to create, plan and execute your own research while paired with faculty mentors.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Getting involved in student organizations, activities and leadership opportunities helps you develop a community of support among others with similar interests. Through the more than 30 student organizations within the College of Education and Human Sciences, you can connect with your peers, alumni, faculty and other professionals related to your discipline and career path, as well as develop professional skills like teamwork, communication, intercultural competence and leadership. We encourage you to choose at least one student organization or activity within your Education and Human Sciences to experience during your first year on campus. This involvement experience will build your professional network, while also providing an avenue for fun and developing friendships that will last a lifetime.

INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC STUDY EXPERIENCES

Many students in the College of Education and Human Sciences participate in domestic study trips, study-abroad programs and other international opportunities ranging from one week to a semester in length. Through these experiences, you will learn to adapt to your surroundings and gain confidence in your ability to be more independent. Study abroad and domestic study opportunities also develop your awareness of diverse backgrounds and cultures and enhance your ability to collaborate with individuals different from yourself.

Common opportunities for students include student teaching opportunities with partner schools in Costa Rica and Mexico and trips to tour centers of industry, such as the Design, Housing and Merchandising annual spring break trip to New York City and summer experience in Europe. There is even a spring break trip to Costa Rica designed specifically for freshman to encourage participation in study abroad programs early in your academic career.

You are encouraged to work with your adviser beginning in your freshman year to determine how to best integrate these domestic and/or international study into your academic degree plan. Additionally, scholarships exist at both the university and college level to help defray the cost of these exceptional learning opportunities.
FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

The College of Education and Human Sciences takes pride in the state-of-the-art facilities and equipment available through our academic programs to help you learn through experience and develop into a professional equipped with the latest disciplinary knowledge and skills. Highlights of our outstanding teaching resources for your learning include:

- Mixed Reality Showroom and Laboratory, featuring the eye tracking technology and the GERT suit
- Gerber Technology Fashion Tech Design and Development Center
- Child Development Center, a laboratory school
- OSU Flight Center with a fleet of 27 aircraft and a Redbird MCX full-motion flight simulator
- Applied Neuromuscular Physiology Laboratory with brain imaging, diagnostic ultrasound and dynamometry technology
- Emerging Technologies and Creativity Research Lab, including the TeachLive simulator and a Telepresence Robot
- Curriculum Materials Library

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Education and Human Sciences annually awards more than a million dollars to undergraduate students. Scholarship criteria varies but typically includes factors such as your declared major, academic performance, future goals, leadership potential, community service, extracurricular involvement and financial need. Students from all majors are considered for university scholarships, which can be combined with these college and departmental or program-level scholarship opportunities. Awards for new students are decided from your OSU Undergraduate Admissions application, including the leadership and involvement information and essay responses. You are encouraged to complete all sections of your Undergraduate Admissions application before November 1 to receive full consideration for scholarship opportunities.

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