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At The Ohio State University
Thank you for considering the Ohio Union for your event needs. We are very excited about the new Ohio Union project, scheduled to begin Winter 2007. The project is planned to last two years and we anticipate a new Ohio Union being open in 2009-2010. While our building is gone, however, we still want to provide you with the best service possible.

It is our hope that this information will help you with the planning of your event. It provides contact information, location, general room sizes and other features that will assist you in having a successful event. Due to factors beyond our control, some of this information may become outdated after print. Please check our website (www.ohiounion.osu.edu) for the most updated information. We hope that you will find these spaces suitable until the new Ohio Union is opened and is able to host your event! For more information on the Ohio Union transition and construction project visit: www.ohiounion.osu.edu/new

The Ohio Union is also proud to offer Events To Go for your event needs. Should you need A/V equipment, furnishings, or even an event planner for your event that a site cannot provide, please contact us. We will bring Events To Go right to you!

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us!

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University Catering can offer you a variety of menu selections and styles of service for your meeting or event. The dining room capacity is available for groups up to 300 guests. There is parking available in the Ohio Union garage, and building access can be arranged through University Catering staff.
This is a hotel/conference center on campus, which opened in 2002. This building is run in conjunction with the Max M. Fisher College of Business. The facility has several meeting rooms along with a ballroom (seating 225 banquet-style) that can be divided into three sections. Catering is in-house and parking is by valet or available in a nearby garage.
This multi-functional facility is capable of hosting many types of events. The Department of Theatre maintains two theatres in the Drake. The Thurber Theatre has a 600-seat proscenium stage with fully supported lighting, sound and fly system. The Bowen Theatre has a thrust stage, seating 250, with fully supported lighting and sound system. There is also a Main Lounge that will seat a banquet for 200, the Harbor Room for a 100-person banquet, and two small conference rooms for 16. Parking is available in the Ohio Stadium or Medical Center area lots. University Catering is the preferred caterer.
The Fawcett Center has a 500 seat auditorium and 19 meeting rooms which are spacious and convenient for faculty, staff, and students. Meeting room sizes vary from 20 to 100 depending on how they are setup. There is a surface lot in front of the building that provides ample parking at no charge. The Fawcett Center also features in-house catering.

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University Catering can offer you a variety of menu selections and styles of service for your meeting or event. The dining room capacity will hold groups of up to 80 guests. There is limited parking available and access can be arranged through University Catering staff.
North Dining Room at Morrill Commons

University Catering can offer you a variety of menu selections and styles of service for your meeting or event. The dining room capacity will hold groups of up to 216 at square tables of 6. There is limited parking available and access can be arranged through University Catering staff.
Raney Commons

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University Catering can offer you a variety of menu selections and styles of service for your meeting or event. The dining room capacity will hold groups of up to 100 guests. There is limited parking available and building access can be arranged through University Catering staff.
Royer Commons

This facility would be perfect for dance groups needing a large open space with non-carpeted floors to practice. There are 2 rooms; the larger is 1100 square feet and the other is 800 sq. ft. These rooms are not available during the summer months as Conference Services uses them for registration. Tuttle Park Garage would be the closest available parking facility.

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Opened in September 2005, the recreational athletic facility serves the recreation purposes of its membership as its first priority, but they are able to rent rooms at hourly and daily rates including four medium-sized meeting rooms and the large Tom Davis special events gym. University Catering is the preferred caterer, and parking is available in nearby garages or stadium surface lots.
Schottenstein Center

This sports arena has several meeting rooms and renovations are currently underway to keep them as up-to-date as possible. There are also two large spaces, the practice gym and the main bowl, that are available for reservation. Ample surface lot parking is available around the facility and catering is through Sodexho.

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This historic 1927 building was recently moved to the new location as part of the RPAC construction process. It is being renovated and should be ready in early 2007. It has one large room that will be approximately 1100 sq. ft. The second room is approximately 600 square feet and can accommodate 36 people. There is also a patio out back with a view of the soccer fields that is reserved through Rec Sports. Parking is limited to the lots to the West, or in the Medical center parking. University Catering is the preferred caterer.
Younkin Success Center

Ideal for a reception, lecture, or student group meetings, the Younkin Success Center has four meeting rooms. The Younkin building is a newer facility that houses resources and offices to help students, including an 84-seat classroom/auditorium and classroom for 36, as well as two small conference rooms for 10. Parking is available on-street or in nearby garages and there are no catering restrictions.
This facility opened in August of 2005 as a conference/banquet facility for the Moritz College of Law but is available to host other events. Spaces include a dining room for 100, a small conference room, and terrace for receptions. Valet parking can be arranged with two parking garages nearby. Catering is done through the OSU Faculty Club.
This facility is great for large groups or for holiday parties. It has one large ballroom space, two medium-sized ballrooms, and three smaller boardrooms, along with multiple breakout spaces. Catering is in-house and valet parking is available, along with a large adjacent lot.
This facility would be ideal for extremely large events with over 30 rooms available of all sizes, including large ballroom spaces and large meeting rooms. Catering is with Sodexo and there is ample parking with a flat fee to park. This downtown Columbus venue also contains a large 90,000 sq ft exhibit space called Batelle Hall.
Primarily a movie theater, this space is ideal for high-tech conferences or group meetings. Seven auditoriums provide stadium seating ranging from 43 to 300 with a few smaller meeting spaces and a large lobby. Parking is available in the Gateway garage and catering is only through the Gateway Café.
This facility exists mainly to offer dining options for faculty, alumni and guests, but also serves as a venue for many special catered events (weddings, banquets, etc). A main dining room seats 100, the grand lounge seats 125 banquet or 200 theater along with a patio reception area and 5 smaller dining rooms for 12-20. Catering is in-house and parking is available in nearby parking garages or at the facility.
This facility is perfect for really large events, trade shows, and large concerts. Spaces are large, open and are typical of what you would expect on a fairgrounds site, with a focus on functionality. Parking is ample and charged per car at the gate, and catering is from an approved list. This space is not available in early August or September.
The Fisher College of Business has different buildings available for rent, which include: Gerlach, Schoenbaum and Mason Halls. Most are classroom spaces (less than 30, 30-40, 40-50) completely equipped with AV technology and support. They are closed on Saturdays and Sundays but will open the building for large events and conferences. There is a VIP room that seats approx 20 and a large tiered conference theater for 250 that is completely AV equipped. Parking is available in nearby garages, along with valet parking at The Blackwell, and catering is from an approved list.
French Field House

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This is an indoor track and field facility but can be used for large events due to its one spacious open space. Furnishings can be rented from Athletics for various setups. Parking is available at the Schottenstein Center and Stadium lots and catering is through Sodexho.
Hale Black Cultural Center

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This facility has multiple uses and multiple-sized spaces for meetings, receptions, speakers, or conferences. Lots of artwork is displayed throughout the building. All clients are welcome to use the meeting rooms. Parking is nearby at the Ohio Union garage and catering is from an approved list. Reservations can be made online.
This facility would be suitable for small banquets, student meetings, or groups needing a few breakout rooms. There are seven to eight rooms ranging from 50 to 350 theater-style. Street parking and a small lot in the rear of the building are also available. The café is Kosher and outside caterers may be used, but not in the kitchen area.
This hotel has 1 ballroom (divisible by 4) along with 3 meeting rooms of varying sizes. Prices are made on a case-by-case basis depending on catering and if there are overnight stays. Catering is in-house and there is a surface lot and parking garage available.
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The small intimate feel of a house and ornate decorations make this a welcoming facility ideal for a reception, student organization meeting, or departmental party. This facility has a kitchen that can be used for serving food and any catering is welcome. Spaces include 2 larger conference table rooms, a conservatory, and outdoor patio space. Parking is available at the Ohio Union garage or across the street after 4pm with an OSU parking pass.
The museum is a perfect place to host an event whether it is a formal dinner, a corporate board meeting or a reception. Fabulous décor shows everything there is to know about Jack and his career. The Nicklaus Theatre room can seat up to 90 at banquet rounds or 120 theater style. It has a built in LCD projector, sound system and podium. For dinners or receptions, the entire museum is used. Therefore, all the various rooms and hallways are used to accommodate your group. For a banquet style event, the museum can seat 200 – 250. For a standing reception or a reception with cabaret tables, it can accommodate 300 – 400 people. There is a small private parking lot and several surface lots nearby. Catering is available through Sodexho and alcohol is available through the museum.
This is a great facility for an outdoor venue. The grandstand seats 3,242 and the turf field is approximately 70 yds. by 120 yds. There is parking available in surface lots across the street.
Knowlton Hall

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Knowlton Hall, which was completed in 2004, is a state-of-the-art facility. It features a gallery which showcases completed student projects, beautiful outdoor terraces and gardens, as well as classrooms, studios and seminar rooms. The front porch, terraces, rooftop and south cut garden are available for rent and would be perfect for receptions or gathering locations in between breakout sessions. The Center, or Main Space, is a large open area that can accommodate banquet rounds or theatre style seating for over 100 guests and banquet style seating for up to 180. There are also several classrooms and seminar rooms available that could be used for small meetings or breakout spaces. Parking is available in the Tuttle Park garage next door. They also have an approved catering list.
The Lifestyle Communities Pavilion is the place to see big shows in an intimate setting. Located in the Arena District, the LC is an entertainment facility showcasing a reversion stage, which serves both 2,200 patrons indoors or 4,500 patrons in the outdoor Amphitheatre. Catering is not restricted and parking can be arranged with a valet or nearby street parking.
This facility is great for a conference of 100 – 120 people. They have a large room with several smaller break out rooms. They are completely A/V-equipped in all rooms and all caterers are welcome, but no alcohol is allowed. Parking is free in the lot behind the building.
Ohio State’s Alumni Center is a newly built facility offering several meeting spaces for a wide range of events, including conferences, meetings, receptions and weddings. The website provides a great detail of information, including room layouts, photos, and pricing. Catering is from an approved list and parking is free with a surface lot in front of the facility.
This facility includes all of the meeting and auditorium spaces in the Medical Center. Ideal for movies, events where a stage in front is needed, classroom space for meetings, and possibly some receptions in the nicer conference areas. There is A/V equipment in some rooms which range in size from 25-250. There are no catering restrictions and parking is available in several nearby garages.
Mershon Auditorium

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Mershon Auditorium is a premier venue for dance, music, theatre, lectures, multi-media presentations, and has a seating capacity of nearly 2,500. The stage can also be transformed into a “black box” space, creating a more intimate and flexible setting, for both audience and performers on stage. Parking is available nearby, and there is an approved list of caterers.
This is a Catholic Church with banquet facilities that would be great for a conference of 200 – 250 people. It is not available on Saturday afternoons and evenings or Sunday. Parking is limited with a small lot or street parking and catering is from an approved list.
Standing along High Street in the midst of Ohio State University, the Newport Music Hall exudes the energy of the original rock club and old theater which accommodates 1,700 patrons. Parking is nearby at the Ohio Union garage.
The Ohio Historical Society can offer your guests a unique experience as they have options for every type of event. You can book a portion of the Center or the entire facility for exclusive, after-hour use. Whether you want to host a lavish anniversary banquet or an informal office party, they can provide your group with a stylish backdrop for your special occasion. They offer special wedding and holiday packages. The Outdoor Village is also available for special events rental. The Plaza Terrace seats 300 banquet style or 400 for a reception. The Red Carpet Area can seat 60 banquet style or 200 for a reception. The Street Car Gallery can seat 60 banquet style or 125 for a reception. The Outdoor Amphitheatre seats 300 and the Conference Room can seat 24 at the table or 50 theater-style. Parking is available in their own lot at $3.00 per car. They also have a list of preferred caterers.
Ohio Stadium

The football stadium has a few rooms that can bring a meeting closer to an iconic campus facility filled with tradition. The Recruitment Room is decorated with OSU gear and is over 5000 sq. ft. Other meeting spaces include the Varsity O club, University Suite and the Huntington Club. Catering is through Sodexo and there is ample parking in the stadium surface lot.

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The clubhouse overlooks the golf course and can be reserved for private parties, receptions or meetings. The beautiful lobby area as you go into the dining room could serve as a reception area. There is also a board room upstairs for small meetings. The clubhouse/dining room can be reserved for special events any weeknight after 4 pm, any time on Saturdays and after 3 pm on Sundays. The clubhouse can seat up to 180 people at banquet rounds. The McMillan Room upstairs can accommodate 20 people a conference table. There is ample parking available in the lot, and guests must use in-house catering only.
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This is a classic space with light wooden walls, carpeted floor, and plenty of open space with pillars. It would be great for speakers, receptions, or large meetings needing banquet-style for 150 or theater-style for 200. Parking is available in the medical center garages and there is an approved list of caterers.
The renovated Band Center was re-opened in 2002, and is the home of The Ohio State Marching Band. It houses a state-of-the-art sound system for recording, and also has meeting space including the rehearsal hall seating 250 theatre-style and several other medium-sized practice rooms. Catering is through Sodexho and parking is ample in the stadium surface lot.
St. John Arena

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The basketball court-sized floor can be covered to accommodate banquets of 500. Furnishings can be rented from Athletics. There is ample surface lot parking and catering is provided through Sodexho.
University Plaza & Conference Center

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This facility would be ideal for banquets, wedding receptions and small workshops or conferences that require a few breakout spaces. There is a large atrium and six ballrooms that can accommodate 120 per room and can combine into larger ballrooms. A board room and free parking are amenities of the Conference Center. Catering is in-house and hotel accommodations are also available.
Weigel Hall Auditorium

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Weigel Hall is one of the homes to the School of Music and houses the 800-seat Weigel Auditorium. Convenient parking for Weigel Hall is available in the Ohio Union Parking Garage.
Opened in 1989, the Wexner Center has undergone a recent renovation. The Wexner Center houses four exhibition galleries, an intimate video exhibition space called “The Box”, and a 298-seat Film/Video Theater. It also includes the Performance Space, which is a “black box” theater with flexible seating, accommodating up to 250 seats. A lower lobby area is also available for rent. There is an approved list of caterers and parking is available in nearby garages.