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The 840-acre OSU Stillwater campus is one of exceptional beauty, with modified Georgian style architecture in many of the 200 buildings. The Lake Carl Blackwell area, located eight miles west of Stillwater, also is owned by OSU. The area totals approximately 21,655 acres, including the 3,000-acre Lake Carl Blackwell which is used for research and recreational activities. Additional properties include approximately 1,900 acres in farm land and 2,900 acres and structures devoted to research throughout Oklahoma.

The OSU campus provides DHM graduate students with a number of support facilities and services to insure the success of their OSU experience. A few of these are described below. A more comprehensive listing can be found within the [OSU Catalog](#).

### **Edmon Low Library**

The Edmon Low Library is centrally located on campus, and houses more than 5.5 million books, documents and microforms, and 17,000 serials. The library's computerized information system enables students to search the OSU library catalog and several bibliographic databases. The library has a World Wide Web site on the internet <http://www.library.okstate.edu> which provides information regarding library services and facilities.

### **Architecture Library**

The John Rex Cunningham Architecture Library is located on the second floor of the School of Architecture building. This facility provides reference materials specifically pertaining to architectural engineering and history, building codes, city planning, graphic design techniques, historic preservation, and landscape architecture.

### **OSU Student Union**

The OSU Student Union is one of the largest and most comprehensive student unions in the world, consisting of 611,652 square feet of building space. The Student Union includes an 81-room hotel, bookstore, lounges, theater, extensive food court, shopping mall, recreation center, post office, travel agency and university offices.

### **Graduate Student Housing**

Wentz Hall provides year-round housing for graduate and undergraduate students who are 21 years of age or older. Residence hall living is relatively inexpensive. Over \$1,400 per year is saved by most students living in a residence hall versus living off campus. Residence hall living includes several

meal plan options, laundry facilities, paid utilities, and on-campus parking. For more information, contact the Department of Residential Life, Iba Hall, OSU, Stillwater, OK 74078.

Within walking distance of the campus are 700 2-bedroom university apartments reserved for use by families and single graduate students. These apartments include optional furnishings, off-street parking, play areas and laundry facilities. For more information, contact the University Apartments Office, 120 Brumley, OSU, Stillwater, OK 74078.

Also adjacent to the campus are several new apartment facilities available to students from sophomore level and above (graduate students included). These are four bedroom units for single students only. Roommates are assigned by Residential Life unless students already have persons who wish to share accommodations. Currently, most of the new units are filled. Waiting lists have been established.

### **Health and Fitness Facilities**

The OSU Student Health Center maintains a staff of full-time physicians, mental health professionals, nurses, laboratory, pharmacists, and X-ray technicians, to provide the best possible care at the least possible expense to the student. The OSU Wellness Center offers a variety of health-related programs to OSU students, including wellness screening and wellness education classes. The Colvin Center encompasses a wide variety of recreational fitness facilities. The center is recently renovated and has named as one of the six top collegiate sports centers in the nation by the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association. Indoor facilities include indoor running track, indoor golf facility center, dance studios, multiple gyms, weight rooms, a climbing wall, a renovated indoor swimming pool and a new outdoor pool. Indoor activity areas include racquetball, swimming, gymnastics, fencing, billiards, dance, table tennis, wrestling, weight-lifting, basketball, volleyball, badminton, squash and wall-climbing. Outdoor facilities include tennis and basketball courts, archery range, golf-driving range, jogging track, and soccer, rugby, football and softball fields. The center also offers a variety of aerobic classes. For more information, visit <http://campusrec.okstate.edu/>

### **International Student Services (ISS)**

The ISS office assists international students in regards to learning about their new surroundings. Personal consultation, financial planning, liaison with embassies and consulates, legal referrals, academic referrals, immigration matters, and orientation programs are among the services offered. Pre-arrival information is sent to new students, and a newsletter is published monthly.

### **Graduate Students in Human Environmental Sciences (GSHES)**

GSHES is a graduate student organization formed to promote and facilitate interdepartmental communication among those graduate students pursuing degrees within the College of Human Environmental Sciences. GSHES sponsors activities and events that further the professional development of HES graduate students.

### **OSU Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSGA)**

The graduate and professional student government association (GPSGA) is the representative association for all graduate students at Oklahoma State University. All graduate students at OSU are members of the GPSGA. The general members elect representatives to serve as voting members for one academic year, and each department or program offering a graduate degree is entitled to elect a voting representative. The GPSGA website can be accessed at <http://gpsga.okstate.edu/>

Each spring the OSU Graduate College hosts a Graduate College Research Symposium. The GPSA presents monetary awards for the best oral, poster and interdisciplinary presentations. In addition, each year the GPSA honors one outstanding master's student, doctoral student, and graduate faculty member with a GPSA Phoenix Award.

### **Multicultural Development and Assessment Center (MDAC)**

MDAC is a comprehensive support service for African American, Hispanic, Native American and Vietnamese American students. Support services are provided through one-to-one counseling, group counseling, outreach programs, academic skills development programs, and tutoring. To enhance the social and cultural opportunities for minority students, MDAC staff serve as a resource to various minority student organizations.

### **OSU Writing Center**

The OSU Writing Center is a university-wide consultation service for writing assistance. The Writing Center offers free consultation sessions to assist students with brainstorming, creating a rough draft, organizing ideas or polishing a final draft. A typical consulting session lasts fifty minutes. A consultant will read the paper with the student, while discussing ways in which the writing can be improved. The goal of the experience is to foster improvement in writing skill. Consultants do not edit or proofread, but do help the student to learn how to edit and proofread. To arrange a session, drop by Morrill 104.