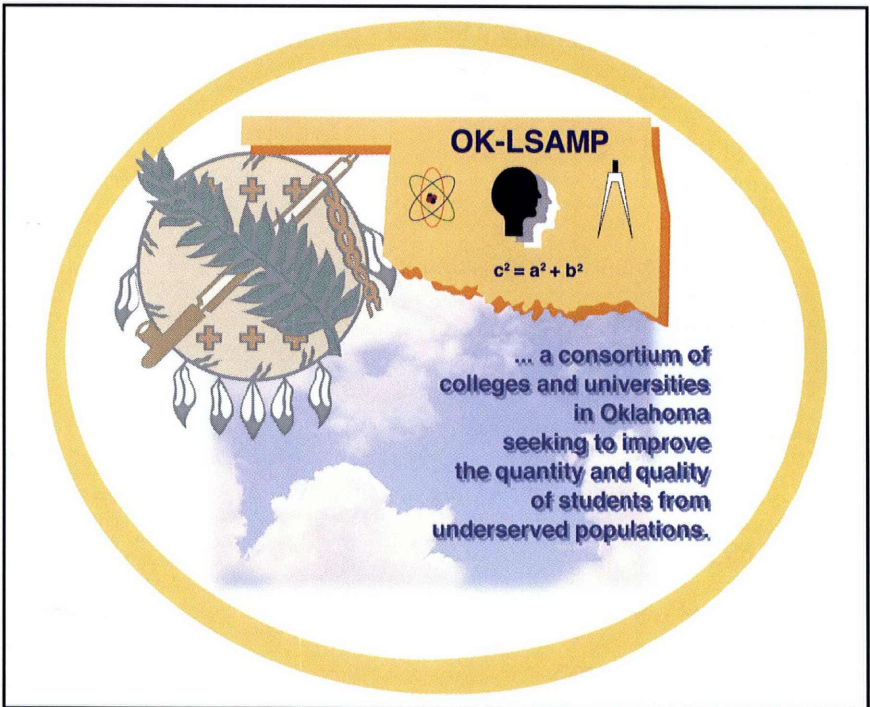




Student Survival Handbook

Oklahoma
Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
(OK-LSAMP STEM)



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About This Book...

This handbook has been designed to assist minority students who are entering, or perhaps already enrolled in, Oklahoma State University. Many students were previously interviewed regarding the type of information that would have been helpful to them when they first came to Stillwater. Given the diversity of our students, we came up with many ways to make living in Stillwater easier. This handbook gives any incoming student at Oklahoma State University a quick reference to the mechanics of the university. It is designed especially to help the minority student and offers references for any type of assistance that the minority student may need.

Whether you come from a large metropolitan city or from a small town, you will have to adjust to new surroundings. Stillwater living is not the urban life of Chicago, nor is it rural Oklahoma. We are sure that, armed with a good attitude and the proper resources (like this handbook), you will make your life here a positive and significant part of your educational experience. This is a quick reference only, be sure and consult your catalog and/or your academic advisor for any additional information that you may need for your particular program of study.

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**OKLAHOMA LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR
MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND
MATHEMATICS PROGRAM
(OK-LSAMP STEM)**

Oklahoma State University is one of a consortium of universities and colleges within the state of Oklahoma addressing the under-supply of minority students earning degrees in STEM fields. The primary goal and objective of this program is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities (American Indian, African American, Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders) enrolled and graduating in STEM academic disciplines and to increase the numbers prepared for graduate study in these same areas.

With our new Bridge to the Doctorate Program (BD), we support graduates of the LSAMP Program in their studies. Through this program, the students are provided with full graduate tuition and fees, a stipend of \$30,000/year; mentoring program, conference travel, seminars and workshops, graduate and professional student association membership, academic enrichment, and excellent post graduate education training.

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MULTICULTURAL RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

The Multicultural Student Center (MSC)

320 Student Union, 405-744-5841

MSC provides a broad spectrum of educational and personal experiences as well as cultural activities to minority students at OSU.

MSC Staff

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MSC Student Organizations

African American Student Association

Chartered in 1967, this association promotes the cultural heritage of African American students at OSU and is responsible for many social, academic, and cultural events. For more information, you may contact the African American Student Coordinator at 744-5481.

Hispanic Student Association (HSA)

The purpose of the Hispanic Student Association is to promote cultural awareness and appreciation and to develop social and educational opportunities for Hispanic students at OSU. For more information, contact the Hispanic Student Coordinator at 744-5481

Native American Student Association (NASA)

NASA provides opportunities for students to provide social support to each other and to participate in traditional tribal activities. For more information, contact the Native American Student Coordinator at 744-5481.

Asian American & Vietnamese American Student Association

The purpose of these associations is to create friendships and promote the Asian American cultures. For more information, contact the Asian American Student Coordinator at 744-5481.

Multicultural Engineering Programs (MEP)

Jovette Dew, Coordinator
101 Engineering North, 405-744-5276

<http://studentservices.ceat.okstate.edu/mep/orgs.asp>

MEP provides a supportive environment for each student's academic success. Services include opportunities for leadership development, assistance with summer jobs and internships, and financial assistance.

MEP Student Organizations**American Indian Science And Engineering Society (AISES)** <http://www.freewebs.com/osu-aises/>

The AISES chapter offers members the chance to develop close friends, practice leadership skills, and attend regional and national conferences. Students may also join tutoring groups, help with outreach programs, assist in bringing cultural programs to campus, and in other ways, improve the social and academic climate on campus for American Indians.

Society of Black Engineers, Technologists and Architects (SBETA) http://www.okstate.edu/osu_orgs/sbeta/.

The SBETA mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact their community.

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

http://www.okstate.edu/osu_orgs/shpe/

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers exists as an assistance program for Hispanic engineering and science students. The organization facilitates student growth, offering each the support needed for success. The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers was created to increase the number of Hispanics entering the professional fields of engineering and science.

Other Minority Student Organizations

- Burnin' Black Gospel Choir
- Minority Women's Association
- Uhuru House
- Miss Hispanic OSU Scholarship Pageant
- Spanish Club and Sigma Delta Pi
- Latin Dance and Culture Club
- Ketchum House
- American Indians Into Psychology
- Alpha Pi Omega

Information on the above organizations can be obtained by calling the Multicultural Student Center at 405-744-5841.

Minority Faculty & Staff Organizations

Black Faculty and Staff Association

Jason F. Kirksey, Ph.D. Chair

Asso. Prof. of Political Science, 515 MS, 744-5575

kirksey@okstate.edu

Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association

Carolyn Hernandez Ph.D., Contact Person
Director
Affirmative Action, 408B WH, 405-744-5371.

Native American Faculty and Staff Organization

Cheryl Bayhille, Chair
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A&S Student Services, 202 LSE, 405-744-5658
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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Carolyn, Hernandez, Ph.D., Director
Office of Affirmative Action
408B Whitehurst Hall, (405) 744-5371.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Much of the following information can be found in the OSU catalog. The catalog is the college student's "bible" and it is a good idea to own one. It may be obtained by new students free of charge from their student academic services offices, at the beginning of their first semester at OSU. Other persons may purchase the catalog through the Student Union Bookstore.

ACADEMIC PROBLEMS? If you find that you are having problems in any class, seek assistance as soon as possible. Don't wait until the minor problem grows to unmanageable proportions. Speak to your professor, teaching assistant, the OK-LSAMP staff or your mentor.

Once you have secured a tutor, schedule regular tutoring sessions each week. In order to get the most out of your tutoring sessions it is strongly advised that you complete as much of your homework BEFORE each tutoring session and then go to the session with specific questions.

OK-LSAMP

If you need assistance in any course, call the Campus Coordinator at 405-755-6710 to arrange for a tutor.

Academic Services for Student Athletes

Marilyn Middlebrook, Director,
150 AH Gallagher/Iba, 405-744-5762

This service is free for all student athletes. All athletes are advised to contact this office first for any academic difficulties that they may encounter. If there are no tutors available for your particular subject, this office will assist in finding a tutor.

Math Learning Resources Center (MLRC)

Basement of S. Murray, 405-744-5818

The MLRC provides assistance for students in mathematics from basic math through calculus. The hours of operation vary; however, the office is usually open by 10 a.m. during the week. The MLRC is a little hard to locate; the easiest access is on the East side of the building right off of Monroe Street.

University Academic Services

214 Student Union, 405-744-5333

UAS offers free one-on-one tutoring to any student needing assistance. Call or drop by their office to arrange for tutoring.

Writing Center

104 Morrill Hall, 405-744-6671

The Writing Center provides services such as tutors, audio tapes, and computer programs to improve grammar, spelling, punctuation, and proof-reading skills. Students can also use word processing equipment at no charge.

Geology Department

105 Noble Research Center, 405-744-6358

The Geology department has lab help-sessions for introductory geology courses. Call the department for information and times of sessions.

PHYSICS Department

145 Physical Sciences, 744-5796

Teaching Assistants provide help to physics students during their regular office hours in room 052 Physical Sciences Building. The department also has a list of students for those that would like to hire private tutors. Call or go to the Departmental Office for more information.

Check with your other Departmental Offices to see if similar Help sessions, Tutoring, or study groups are available.

Scholarships and Financial Aid**OK-LSAMP**

Our office has a wide variety of scholarship and internship information for undergraduate and graduate students. Please stop by and visit with the Campus Coordinator or Program Manager.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

119 Student Union, 405-744-6604

Loans: The Office of Financial Aid administers long and short-term loan programs. Long-term loan programs consist of the Perkins Loan Program (formerly NDSL), Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), and Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS). Students should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for details pertaining to the application processes involved in the various programs. The short-term loan program or Fund Advance program provides loans for the purpose of meeting educational expenses which are not charged to a student's university account in the Bursar's Office. Students are eligible to borrow up to \$300 (less a \$10 service charge) one time per semester. Fund Advance applications are available from the Financial Aid Office.

Federal Work Study: A large number of students are employed at OSU through the Federal Work Study program (FWS). Students are awarded FWS to help meet their demonstrated financial need. Students who have FWS eligibility can be employed by any office or department at OSU, as well as a number of off-campus, nonprofit agencies. Only U. S. citizens and eligible non-citizens may apply for FWS.

In addition to the main Financial Aid office, the Scholarship and Financial Aid Office offers a **Scholarship Office located at 213 Student Union**. There the FINDS computer program is available for any OSU student to use in order to get information about which scholarships are available to them. You may use the program on a walk-in basis. It takes some time to complete the program so allow an hour or two to complete the task. The system provides a personally tailored list of scholarships based on the information you enter.

On-Line Searches

Log on to www.google.com and type in a scholarship search. You can be as general or as specific as you would like. A free scholarship search program can be found at:

<http://fastweb.monster.com/>.

Just log in and type in your information. You will get email notifications of scholarships they find that based on information you supply.

The Multicultural Student Center

405-744-5841

There are books available for any student to use that list minority student scholarships and fellowships that they can apply for. The information is usually listed according to one's field of study and some specify which minority groups may apply.

OSU Library

Log on to the OSU Library at: [_http://www.library.okstate.edu/](http://www.library.okstate.edu/) then go to the card catalog and do a key word search. Again you can be very general and simply type in "scholarships" or specific and type in more such as "Hispanic scholarships."

CAREER SERVICES

Amjad Ayoubi, Director

360 Student Union, 405-744-5253

Career Services offers a wide variety of services to students including job search tools, career advice, career fairs, and job listings. Career Consultants in each college offer specialized career services based on your chosen major and career goals. The Career Services office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Career Resource Center

308 Student Union, 405-744-6434

Visit the Career Resource Center and learn about careers that are related to your major, take career assessments, match careers with your interests, use career guidance systems to research careers and access many other career related services.

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES (SDS)

Mike Shuttic, Coordinator

315 Student Union, 405-744-7116

Student Disability Services offers academic support services to students with disabilities. SDS is committed to providing assistance to students that will facilitate academic access and independence of each individual student.

HEALTH SERVICES

University Health Services

1202 W. Farm Rd., 405-477-7665

The Student Health Center maintains necessary personnel who specialize in providing students with the best possible medical care at the least possible expense. There are part-time specialists in internal medicine, psychiatry and radiology. There are no dental care facilities at the clinic.

There are no charges for office visits to see the physicians. This service is covered by the designated health fee paid by the student. There is a moderate fee to cover direct costs on laboratory, x-ray, pharmacy, allergy shots, and hospital services. A student's spouse may also be treated at the clinic if a health fee has been paid for the spouse. No dependent children are treated at the Student Health Center.

The Student Health Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the Fall and Spring semesters. Summer hours for the clinic are 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Stillwater Medical Center

1323 West Sixth, 372-1480.

REHABILITATIVE AND VISUAL SERVICES

217 W. 5th – Suite 2A, 405-372-1995

Rehabilitative Services is a state agency that provides diagnosis, evaluation, guidance and counseling, training, placement, and other services to individuals with physical or mental disabilities that result in a substantial handicap to employment. A visual counselor is also available for individuals with visual impairments. Other offices interested and involved in helping students with disabilities include: University Counseling Services, Affirmative Action, and National Clearing House of Rehabilitation Training Materials. Repair services for orthopedic and prosthetic equipment and wheelchairs are available in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Center for Family Services

101 Human Environmental Sciences West, 405-744-5058

http://www.ches.okstate.edu/HDFS/service/hdfs_cfs.html

The Center for Family Services is sponsored by the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The Center is located in the Human Environmental Sciences West building. This facility also houses the OSU Child Development Laboratory.

The Center provides high-quality, low cost marital and family therapy services to the public. Because the Center for Family Services is a training facility, advanced graduate students conduct the majority of the therapy under the direct supervision of clinical faculty members.

Psychological Services Center

118 North Murray, 744-5975 <http://psychology.okstate.edu/psc/>

The Psychological Services Center (PSC) was established in 1971 as a facility for training, service, and research at Oklahoma State University. Within the PSC is the Marriage and Family Clinic (MFC), which specializes in treatment of marital, premarital, and family problems. These clinics are operated by the Department of Psychology through the College of Arts and Science.

Student Mental Health Clinic

002 Student Health Center, 405-744-7007

The Mental Health Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Individual therapy, group therapy, and marital counseling are available to OSU students. Your student health fees cover most of these services. Non-students should consider the Psychological Services Center. All appointments are confidential.

University Counseling Services

316 Student Union, 744-5472 or 744-5458

The Personal Counseling Unit of the University Counseling Services supports the personal, social, and intellectual growth the university community. Confidential counseling services include individual and group counseling relating to areas of career/life planning, study skills development, and personal concerns including stress, anxiety, depression, relationships, eating disorders, and substance abuse. Counseling sessions are provided at no charge to the student. Minimal fees are assessed for certain tests and for select programs and workshops. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

LEGAL AID

Legal Advice for Students

040 Student Union (basement), 744-6500

The Student Government Association maintains a legal counseling service open to any OSU student. An attorney is retained by the Association to provide advice and direction for any student who may have questions concerning matters of a legal nature. This service provides advice and direction only; a student in need of representation must rely on other services.

CONSUMER ACTION COUNCIL

040 Student Union (basement), 744-7523

The Council is formed of students and community people who are concerned with consumer education and protection. For information on how to get the best buys in products, suggested prices, as well as help with consumer complaints, the Council may be of service.

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

OSU Police Department

104 USDA Building (located on Farm Rd. & Orchard St.)
405-744-6525 <http://www.parking.okstate.edu/>

If you own a car or you're simply using someone's for the duration, you must register it with our campus police department, known officially as the OSU Police Department. Upon registration, a decal will be issued to you to be displayed on your car window. Registration of all vehicles is not mandatory, but it will keep the vehicle from being placed on the computerized "tow list" should that vehicle receive parking tickets.

Parking on campus is available on a first-come, first served basis. Parking permits may be obtained from Parking Services. Physically handicapped persons can obtain a special parking permit, which allows parking in spaces close to buildings. An on and off campus transit system is also available. For more information contact the OSU Police Department or visit their website.

DINING SERVICES

There are over 30 different dining options to choose from on campus. This includes the Residential Life dining options, the Student Union Food Court, the Starlight Terrace, The Dairy Bar, Java Dave's @ the Library, West Side Café, Taylor's Dining, and The State Room. Together, these options provide dining from early morning to late night.

Residential Life also offers several meal plans that anyone can purchase. For more information, contact the Office of Residential Life, Oklahoma State University, Iba Hall, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 74078, 405-744-5992, or the Internet (www.reslife.okstate.edu).

HOUSING

Residential Life

Iba Hall, 405-744-5592 <http://www.reslife.okstate.edu>

Incoming freshman are required to live on-campus during their first year of school. The residence halls are both popular and convenient places to live on the OSU campus. The halls are a good place to meet new friends and students will find opportunities for recreation and relaxation. Research on OSU residential living has found that students who live in the dorms have a higher GPA than those who do not. For rate information see <http://www.reslife.okstate.edu/popups/rates.htm>.

University Apartments

120 Brumley, 405-744-5353

(<http://www.reslife.okstate.edu/univapt/>)

E-mail: univapts@okstate.edu

University Apartments, conveniently located on the OSU campus, offer a variety of year-round rentals with all bills paid. Laundry facilities are available in the apartment area.

Off-Campus Housing

Apartments, houses, and duplexes are available in and around the Stillwater area for those who desire to live off-campus. In greatest supply are apartments found in several complexes located throughout the city. Information on leases and other concerns to renters can be obtained from:

Renters Advisory Council (RAC)

045 Student Union, 405-744-6666

Sponsored by the Off-Campus Student Association (OCSA), RAC helps students find off-campus housing and with any problems they encounter with renting. Volunteers working at RAC are trained to advise renters on their rights and obligations under Oklahoma law. Any cases beyond the scope of RAC are referred to the Free Legal Advice Service.

Renters Fair. Renters Fair is an OCSA program that gathers all the major landlords in town under one roof. Students can attend the fair to get information on cost, size, location, and facilities at the various apartment complexes in Stillwater. The fair occurs in March before housing contracts for the next year are signed for the residence halls. To find out the exact time of this year's Renters Fair and more details, call the OCSA office, **744-7283**.

Stillwater Board of Realtors, 501 S. Lewis, 372-4499 maintains a list of all realtors in town. The Board states it will not list realtors who violate professional standards by unethical or illegal conduct.

Due to the great demand for off-campus housing and the short supply of suitable housing in Stillwater, it is suggested that your search begin as soon as possible. Initial deposits on most dwellings range from around \$150 to \$500 (deposit is usually returned at termination of occupancy). Rentals are regularly advertised in the *Stillwater NewsPress* (the community newspaper), the *Daily O'Collegian* (the student newspaper), and *Shop 'n Swap* (a free weekly community publication found in locations all over town).

UTILITIES AND DEPOSITS

Utilities usually require a deposit for service. Be prepared for a credit check. This will be done on the individual who will be responsible for the bill. You must have proper picture identification. Tenants should be sure to understand who is responsible for payment of utilities!

City Hall, 723 S. Lewis, 372-0025. City utilities usually include electricity, water, garbage, and sewer service. Deposits will be based on credit history information. Residential deposits range from \$0-\$200. There is a \$25 processing fee for any city utility. This is usually billed on the first month's billing.

Oklahoma Natural Gas, 3434 N. Perkins Rd., 372-2600 or 372-4711. Deposit amount is based on gas usage. The minimum deposit is \$45.

Southwestern Bell Telephone, 519 S. Husband Usually, a deposit is not required for students, though this depends upon one's credit history. Full-time students with a good credit history need not pay a deposit. Part-time students will need to provide a deposit of at least \$100 in advance. A connection fee for services ranges from \$45-\$65. Fulltime students will be billed for this fee; however, part-time students must pay this in advance.

USED FURNITURE, CLOTHING, MISCELLANEOUS

Once you've found a place to live, furnishing the place may be your next step. Used furniture does flourish in Stillwater and can be found for most tastes and pocketbooks. To find used furniture, most people in the area rely on the *Shop 'n Swap*. Auctions and garage sales also seem to abound. Check the *Shop 'n Swap*, *Stillwater NewsPress*, and the Student Union bulletin boards for dates and locations.

Other sources for bargain shopping include:

Salvation Army Community Center, 211 E. 9th, 372-1554. Open Monday through Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Mostly clothing, plus furniture and household utensils on a limited basis.

St. Andrews Thrift Shop, 504 W. 3rd (one block off campus), 377-8765. Open Tuesday through Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Mostly clothing and books, but some household utensils and appliances.

Graduate Student Laundry Bulletin Board is located in the laundry on McElroy Street near Married Student Housing. This is a good place to post items for sale, as well as to "shop."

Reggie's, 4201 S. Husband, 405-624-5051 used furniture of every kind.

Wall's Bargain Center, 1515 Cimarron Plaza, 405-372-2465 (mostly clothes and household supplies), sells name brand and mystery brand merchandise at 20-80% off original retail prices. Merchandise changes often so some folks make it a habit to stop in regularly. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (AND THE SOUL)

Besides chain supermarkets, Stillwater does have some natural food sources.

The Open Circle, 1120 N Duck, 377-1688, is a privately owned natural foods store. Open M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Central Drug, 722 S. Main, 372-6120, carries a complete line of vitamins and natural food products.

OSU is an agricultural school and consequently offers foods which are good bargains, but which are not publicly advertised.

The Horticulture Department sells fresh peaches in summer and pecans in the fall, 744-5414.

Consumer IGA carries some American Indian foods (e.g., parched corn), oriental food ingredients (e.g., bean sprouts, bok choy), and most Mexican food ingredients. International Food Mart, 2013 North Boomer, 372-0243 and Ralph's Quality Meats, 205 S. Perkins, 743-0580, are other food sources. Oklahoma City and Tulsa have markets, ranging from McCartney's (a large supermarket) to small neighborhood stores, which offer ethnic or special food ingredients.

OSU AND STILLWATER

Oklahoma State University is located in Stillwater, a city of nearly 40,000. Stillwater is the major center for the surrounding agricultural area and is developing light industry. Art and theatre programs, sponsored by both OSU and community organizations, are frequently available. Especially noteworthy community programs include Town & Gown, an established little theatre company which utilizes the talents of Stillwater folks, and Multigraphis, a program that offers creative classes to the public and is operated by the Stillwater Parks and Recreation Department.

STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

711 E. Krayler, 624-1450

The Oklahoma State Employment Service offers job placement service for state civil service as well as private sector job opportunities. This service may be able to help a student's spouse find a job. Call for hours and more information.

VOTER REGISTRATION

To vote, you must be registered in the city and county in which you live. Voter registration for Stillwater and Payne County is administered in the Payne County Administration Building, Suite 207, located at the intersection of Sixth and Duck. In order to be eligible to register as a voter you must be 18 years of age and a resident of Oklahoma. Student Government Association has an on-campus registrar in Room 040, Student Union.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education
314 South Lewis, 533-6300

Stillwater High School (grades 10-12)
1224 North Husband, 533-6450

Stillwater Jr. High School (grades 8-9)
1900 North Skyline, 533-6420

Stillwater Middle School (grades 6-7)
2200 South Sangre Road, 743-6430

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (K-5)

Highland Park Elementary
316 South Stallard, 743-6350

Richmond Elementary
201 West Richmond Road, 743-6400

Sangre Ridge Elementary
2500 South Sangre Road 533-6360

Skyline Elementary
1402 East Sunrise, 533-6390

Westwood Elementary
502 South Kings Highway, 743-6370

Will Rogers Elementary
1211 North Washington, 743-6380

Special Services Center
215 East 12th, 372-4239

Lincoln Alternative Academy
215 E. 12th, 743-6331

YMCA

204 S. Duck, 372-5833

The YMCA provides a day care program as well as equipment and facilities for activities for the entire family, including wrestling mats, a trampoline, an indoor Olympic sized swimming pool, racquetball courts, gymnasium, and basketball courts. The YMCA also offers summer day camps and a comprehensive child care program.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Drivers Exam Station, 2308 N. Perkins Road, Lakeview Plaza, 405-743-9140

New residents in Oklahoma have 30 days to get a drivers license. Those students who are classified as out of state students do not have to apply for an Oklahoma driver's license. To obtain a license of any type, the person must apply in person. The first step in applying for a license is to go to the Drivers Exam Station. There you may take both the written and driving tests that are required. Call for specific times for written and drivers tests.

You must bring a source of identification to apply for licensing, either an official copy of a birth certificate, a military I. D., or a passport. After you have passed your tests you take the official confirmation paper and go to the Tag agency for photographing and your final license. The Tag agency is located at **702 S. Western Road. Call 405-624-0200** for hours of operation.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Stillwater City Code requires that all dogs and cats over the age of six months receive yearly rabies vaccinations and have the current rabies tag attached to their collar at all times. Dogs are not allowed to run at large but must be kept on a leash or under control of a competent person at all times.

BANKS

BancFirst 808 South Main, 405-742-6200

The Bank NA, 1020 North Boomer Road, 624-2265

Citizens State Bank, 4611 W. 6th , 405-533-3737

Home National Bank, 324 S. Duck, 405-377-7600

Liberty Federal Savings Bank, 232 S. Main, 405-377-0300

Midfirst Bank, (In Wal-Mart), 111 N. Perkins Rd., 405-377-6023

Spirit Bank Mortgage, 520 S. Knoblick, 405-377-2754

Stillwater National Bank & Trust Co. 308 South Main, 372-2230

University & Community Federal Credit Union , 170 Student Union, 743-3328

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER

Colvin Physical Education Center (campus), 744-5510

The Colvin Center offers a wide variety of coed recreational activities as well as men's and women's intramural programs. When not scheduled for classes or intramural-q, the facility is open for free-play use with equipment for all activities available for checkout. The center has facilities for golf, fencing, table tennis, squash, dance, racquetball, swimming (indoor and outdoor), wrestling, and gymnastics.

GETTING OUT OF TOWN

Taxicabs:

Anytime Taxi, 4601 S. Husband, 405-743-8131

Roy's Taxi, 714 S. Hester, 405-743-1700

Airports:

Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City

<http://www.flyokc.com/index.asp>

Tulsa International Airport, Tulsa 918-838-5000

<http://www.tulsaairports.com>

Greyhound Busline

2617 N. Perkins Road, (north of Atwoods), 377-1511.

www.greyhound.com (to see bus schedules)

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The station is closed on Sundays and holidays but tickets may be purchased from bus drivers. Call the Bus Station for more information.

CHILD CARE

Oklahoma Child Care Locator

<http://okdhs.org/childcarefind/>

A comprehensive on-line search for child care tailored to meet your specific needs.

Public Child Care

Action, Inc.

619 West 12th Street, Stillwater, OK 74076

Phone: (405) 624-2533

Action, Inc. offers a Head Start Program and the Neighborhood Nursery Program. Eligibility for enrollment in both is based on family income. Because these programs are federally funded, they are able to provide good care and training for children at very little cost. For more information and locations, please call Action, Inc.

OSU Child Care

Child Development Laboratory

101 Human Environmental Sciences West, 405-744-5730.

http://ches.okstate.edu/hdfs/service/hdfs_cdl.html

The three functions of the lab are instruction, service, and research. Additionally, effective teaching behaviors and variation of teaching behaviors and styles are under examination. The lab accepts children three months through kindergarten age. Applications and information can be obtained by calling the Child Development Lab.

Family Day Care Homes (Licensed)

You may pick up a current list of licensed family day care homes in the Stillwater area at the Department of Human Services at 711 E. Krayler Ave.

Child Care Centers (Licensed)

There are many Child Care Centers in and around Stillwater. For a list of currently licensed centers, go to the Department of Human Services. You can find listings in the yellow pages of the local phone books.

CHURCHES & ORGANIZATION

Baptist Student Center

1015 W. University, 405-372-3030

Church of Christ Student Center

Duck & McElroy, 405-372-5682

Canterbury Center Episcopal Campus Ministry

519 W. University, 405-624-1041

Fellowship of Christian University Students

316 N. Husband, 405-624-9902

Nazarene Student Center

723 W. University, 405-372-0240

St. John Catholic Student Center

201 N. Knoblock, 405-372-6408

Wesley Foundation

823 W. University, 305-372-5830

The community of Stillwater offers many churches of many denominations. See yellow pages, the Friday edition of the Stillwater NewsPress, or call United Ministry at OSU for referral, 377-9174.

ENTERTAINMENT

Live Theatre , Arts, & Museums

Allied Arts. 070A Student Union, 744-7509.
Theater, dance, and the performing arts.

Bartlett Center for Studio Arts
107 Bartlett Center – Campus, 405-744-6016

Fleece and Unicorn Yarn Spinning Museum. 3 1/2 miles south of Highway 51 on Country Club Rd., 377-7105. Nationally recognized studio allows visitors to observe shearing of sheep and hand-spinning of fleece.

Gardiner Art Gallery, Barlett Center OSU Campus, 744-6016.
Changing exhibit of art of all media.

Multi Arts Center
1001 S. Duck, 405-747-8084
The center offers classes, exhibits and workshops for all ages.

National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame and Duck, 377-5243. Museum of wrestling history, wall of champions, and hall of founders.

Oklahoma Gardening Studio Grounds. 744-5404. Home to OETA's #1 locally produced show, "Oklahoma Gardening".

Old Central. OSU Campus, 624-3220. Oldest building on OSU campus is now the Museum of Higher Education, with many rooms restored to 1894.

Sheerar Cultural and Heritage Center. 7th and Duncan, 377-0359. Examples and displays of life in early Oklahoma.

Town and Gown Community Theatre
South of Stillwater on Highway 177, 405-372-9122
www.townandgown.org

Vivian Locke Theatre
Seretean Center, OSU Campus, 405-744-9208

Movie Theaters

Carmike Cinema Theater. 1901 N. Perkins Rd., 372-0341.
Newly released feature movies.

Oklahoma State Student Union Theatre
Weekend movies. Admission:\$2.00. Newly released movies.

Video Rental

Hastings Books, Music & Video - 377-0753
Blockbuster Video - 372-2323

RECREATION

Camp Redlands (OSU Campus Recreation), 405-744-5581
<http://bronzestar.tripod.com/campredlands/>

Frontier Lanes.3524 N. Washington, 372-8584. Bowling and
snack bar.

Lake Carl Blackwell, Seven miles west of Stillwater, 372-5157.
19,364-acre recreation area owned and operated by OSU.
Fishing, camping, boating, skiing, and sailing.

Lake McMurtry. N.W. of Stillwater, off Highway 177, 372-4954.
Fishing, boating, and camping.

Lakeside Memorial Golf Course just north of Stillwater on
Highway 177, 372-4954. 18 hole golf course, practice area, and
pro shop.

Cowboy Sportsplex. 5000 N. Washington, 372-8881. Driving
range, batting cages, volleyball, and miniature golf.

Horse Thief Canyon. 20 miles south of Stillwater, near Perkins,
405-547-2262. Legendary outlaw hideout with hiking, fishing,
swimming, and horseback riding.

MORE TO DO

Annual Events

Big Eight Sports, 744-5749

Year-round, includes football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf, and many others.

Cheese and Sausage Festival. October, 372-5573

Showcase for Oklahoma's beef, pork, and dairy industries.

Payne County Free Fair. Early September, exhibits include food, crafts, clothing, livestock, commercial booths and a midway. 377-1275.

Christmas Parade. First weekend in December, Main Street Celebrates the holiday spirit of the community. 624-2921.

Fireworks Display. July 4th, Boomer Lake.

Live entertainment, fireworks.

"Jumpin' in July" Celebrated all during the month of July, residents, students, and alumni converge on the city of Stillwater to visit with friends and enjoy live entertainment in a carnival atmosphere.

Krazy Daze. Third Thursday in July through following Saturday. Bargain hunting in a festive atmosphere.

Run for the Arts: Fine Arts and Jazz Festival. Third Saturday in April, Payne County Courthouse lawn.

Student Activities:

Orange Peel, 405-744-8393

An annual concert production featuring local and headline talent held at the Lewis Field Stadium.

Homecoming. Each fall, includes house decorations on campus and one of the state's largest parades.

Mom's Day. Early fall, special events and activities in honor of mothers of OSU students.

Dad's Day. Early Fall, special events and activities in honor of fathers of OSU students.

Christmas Sing and Tree Lighting. Student Union, West Porch and Food Mart. Early December.

Madrigal Dinner, Early December, 744-5232.

For current events, see "Campus Roundup" in Daily O'Collegian.

MEDIA

Newspapers

News Press. 211 W. 9th 372-5000 Local news and information.

The Daily O'Collegian. Paul Miller Building, OSU, 744-7371. The campus paper, written and produced by OSU students.

The Daily Oklahoman, 372-4084. Produced in Oklahoma City,

Tulsa World, 624-8575. Produced in Tulsa.

Radio

KGfY-Y FM 105.5. 217 1/2 S. Washington, country music, 377-1055.

KSPI FM 93.7, AM 780. 215 W 9th, 372-7800 FM easy listening, top 40.

KOSU FM 91.7. 302 Paul Miller Bldg., 744-6352. Public radio, classical, jazz.

RESTAURANTS

The goal of this section is to give you a feel for what's available. See the yellow pages for more.

Restaurants

El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant

Eskimo Joe's - burgers, great shakes, a world-famous restaurant

Hideaway - pizza, salad, soups, spaghetti, sandwiches

Hunan Chinese Buffet - Chinese food

Joseppi's Italian Kitchen

Leo's Peking Palace Restaurant - Chinese food

Mazzio's pizza, nachos, salad bar

Schlotzsky's - sandwich shop

Taco Bell - inexpensive Mexican food

Restaurants When You're Not Paying...

Stillwater Bay - fresh seafood, great atmosphere

Mexico Joe's - Santa Fe style Mexican food

The State Room - good food, located in the Student Union

The Garden (Best Western Motel) - steaks and seafood

Taylor's Dining Room - located in Human Environmental Sciences West, 405-744-8487

NIGHTLIFE

Wormy Dog - country and western, dancing

Stables - a bar for real cowboys

Willie's - sometimes live music

Tumbleweed - country and western, dancing

The Stonewall Tavern - quiet beer bar

J.R. Murphy's - beer, beer garden

LIQUOR LAWS

Liquor stores are open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. At these stores hard liquor and wine can be purchased. Some grocery stores, gas stations, etc. sell 3.2 beer and wine coolers. You must be 21 years of age to purchase alcoholic beverages. Some counties in Oklahoma have not voted in liquor-by-the-drink. Be aware that it is illegal in those counties to purchase mixed drinks. Open containers of alcoholic beverages are not permitted in outdoor public areas in the city of Stillwater.

Stillwater Area Demographics

Est. population in July 2002: 40,586

Races in Stillwater:

- White Non-Hispanic (81%)
- American Indian (6%)
- Black (4.5%)
- Asian and Other (8.5%)

Crime Rate:

- National Avg. Crime Index = 330.6
- Stillwater Crime Index = 227.5

Climate: (°F)

Temperatures range from the low 90's in the summer months to the mid 20's in the Winter months.

Websites to visit for more information about Stillwater:

Demographics:

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Stillwater-Oklahoma.html>

Current Weather forecast:

<http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Stillwater-Oklahoma.html>

City of Stillwater homepage:

<http://www.stillwater.org/>

OSU Homepage:

<http://www.pio.okstate.edu/>

OSU Police Page: Lots of information on Homeland Security, maps, parking, and links to other helpful information.

<http://www.osupd.okstate.edu/>

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