

Preparing for

YOUR COLLOQUIA

To fulfill the degree requirements for Franklin University's doctorate programs, students are required to successfully complete two, cross-disciplinary colloquia. Each three-week online colloquium features a one-day onsite experience at the University's Main Campus in Columbus, Ohio. Here is some information to help you plan and prepare for your visit. Knowing what to expect will help you get the most out of your experience.



BENEFITS OF ATTENDING:

The first colloquium will introduce you to the University and its resources, as well as your faculty and the program. This is a great opportunity to get to know faculty and their research interests. This will not only help you refine your dissertation topic, but can also help you strategically formulate your Dissertation Committee. Your second colloquium will help you maximize your last (advanced) research course and specifically focus it on your dissertation.

PLANNING YOUR TIME ON CAMPUS:

Each colloquium is one day. Sessions are scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays. You will receive a detailed agenda from the colloquium coordinator prior to arriving on campus.

GETTING TO CAMPUS:

Franklin University's Main Campus is located on 14 acres in downtown Columbus. It is easily accessible via car and is served by [John Glenn Columbus International Airport](#), which is located 6 miles east of downtown.

From the airport, you'll find a variety of ground transportation options – bus, shuttles, taxis and rental cars.

FINDING HOTEL OPTIONS:

Franklin's location in downtown Columbus, puts it in proximity to several hotels and gives you easy access to popular attractions and restaurants.

DOWNTOWN/CAMPUS AREA:

Holiday Inn 175 E. Town St.
(0.30 miles to campus)

Sheraton Hotel 75 E. State St.
(0.50 miles to campus)

Drury Inn & Suites 88 E. Nationwide Blvd.
(1.40 miles to campus)

Westin Hotel 310 S. High St.
(0.60 miles to campus)

Hyatt Regency 350 N. High St.
(1.30 miles to campus)

Hilton Downtown 401 N. High St.
(1.50 miles to campus)

EASTON/AIRPORT AREA:

Hilton: 3900 Chagrin Drive
(10 miles to campus)

Residence Inn: 3999 Easton Loop West
(10.50 miles to campus)

For more information about the colloquia and specific upcoming dates, contact the colloquium coordinator:

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PLANNING YOUR MEALS:

Lunch and a continental breakfast will be provided by the University during the colloquium.

WONDERING WHAT TO BRING?

Attire for the colloquium is business casual – so leave the suits and dresses at home. Basically, you'll be attending classes and learning about the resources available to you – so plan accordingly. Have your laptop and other class-related tools available. Already have your dissertation topic in mind? Consider bouncing your ideas off some of your peers or the faculty. If you're not that far along, you might want to bring some questions and get advice to help you hone in on your topic.

ABOUT COLUMBUS, OHIO

The state capital of Ohio, Columbus is the largest city in the state and the 14th-largest in the United States. Columbus is also part of the second fastest-growing large metro in the country. Vibrant and diverse, Columbus is frequently recognized for all it has to offer its residents and visitors.

- Best Stadium Experience in Professional Sports – Nationwide Arena/NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets (ESPN the Magazine)
- Top Arts City in the Nation (#9, AmericanStyle magazine)
- Best Zoo in the Country (Columbus Zoo and Aquarium)
- If you like to shop, you'll love Columbus. The city has more shopping space per capita than New York City and Los Angeles. Polaris Fashion Place and Easton Town Center are popular shopping destinations.
- Nation's Restaurant News recognized Columbus as one of its "Top-50 Cities That Sizzle." Just north of downtown, the Short North area showcases Columbus' local flavor through its many unique restaurants.