



**There is only
one Oberlin.**

Hello! Here are Five Important Things to Know About Oberlin:

01

We offer one of the world's most relevant undergraduate educations.

At Oberlin, we make connections between excellence, passion, and impact—the classroom is just the beginning.

02

Oberlin is a collaborative enterprise between students and professors.

Students here are known, valued, and mentored by astonishingly accomplished and accessible faculty.

03

Having both a college and a music conservatory on the same campus changes everything! Magic happens when you combine a renowned liberal arts college and an extraordinary conservatory of music. Every student on our campus benefits.

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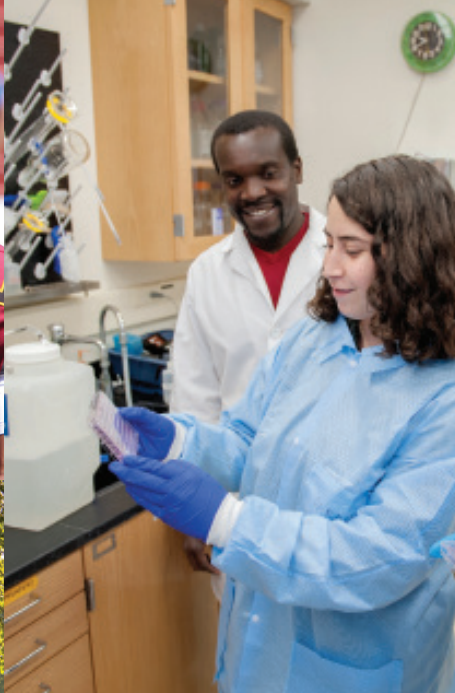
Our location inspires innovation.

A palpable kindness permeates our Midwest campus and town. You'll have room to breathe and the freedom to explore and apply new ideas.

05

Think one person can change the world? So do we. Our alumni give the world more joy and hope, health and justice, and a more equitable, sustainable future.







An Oberlin education is extraordinary, and each person experiences it differently. Your path at Oberlin will include opportunities to conduct research, a summer or semester studying away, month-long Winter Term projects, and an internship with guaranteed funding.



Oberlin at a Glance

FOUNDED IN
1833

Oberlin adopted a policy to admit students of color (1835) and admitted women in a coed baccalaureate program (1837) before any other college in the United States.

**LOCATED 35 MILES
SOUTHWEST OF
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

90+

majors in
the College
of Arts &
Sciences
and the
Conservatory
of Music

2,900

students

80%

of classes
have fewer
than 20
students.

**OBERLIN MEETS 100%
OF DEMONSTRATED
FINANCIAL NEED.**

21

NCAA Division III
teams and **350**
student athletes

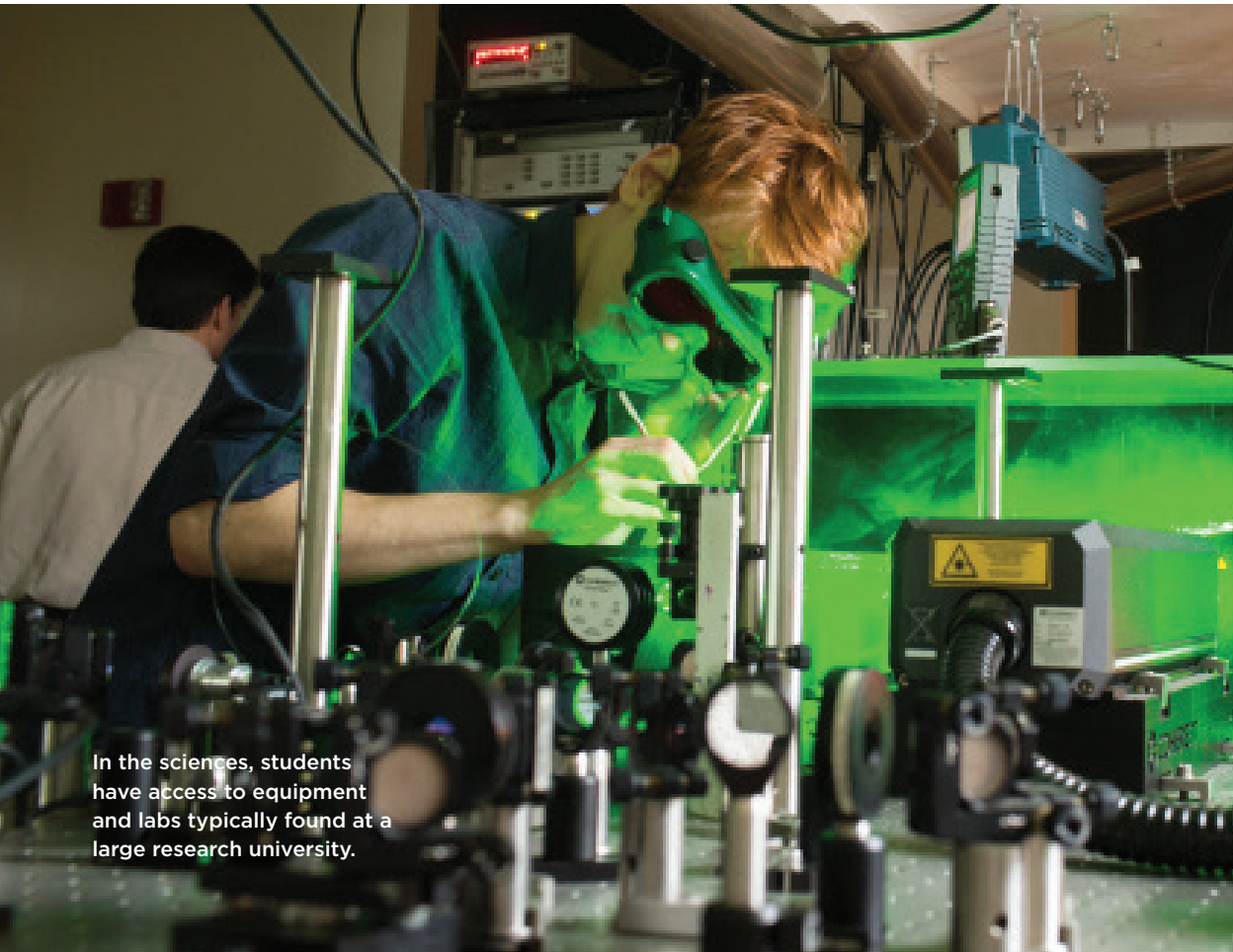
Obies come
from all
50 states
and **50+**
countries.

500+

performances are
given each year,
many of them free.

The Classroom is Just the Beginning

Faculty at Oberlin rank among the top in the U.S. for undergraduate teaching; in fact, many students develop mentoring relationships with professors that last well beyond their Oberlin years. And on our small campus without graduate students, Obies can work one-on-one with professors on important research projects, often coauthoring papers or presenting at conferences.



In the sciences, students have access to equipment and labs typically found at a large research university.



#1

In the last century, more Oberlin graduates have gone on to earn their PhDs than have alumni from any other liberal arts school.

9:1

Student/faculty ratio

80%

of students travel off campus for study, service, internships, or Winter Term.

#9

on *U.S. News and World Report's* list of 50 most innovative schools

15,000

works of art live in Oberlin's Allen Memorial Art Museum, a treasured (and free!) resource for students in all majors.

97%

law school admissions rate among graduating seniors for the past five years

Recent Student Internships

Amazon
BBC America
Columbia Pictures
Environmental Defense Fund
Howard Hughes Medical Institute
IBM
Japan Airlines
National Science Foundation
NPR
Texas Legal Services
U.S. Congress
World Bank

Popular Study Abroad Destinations

London, England
Copenhagen, Denmark
Prague, Czech Republic
Paris, France
Kyoto, Japan
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Córdoba, Spain
Havana, Cuba
Florence, Italy
Christchurch, New Zealand



Small-Town Charm

Oberlin students enjoy the best of both worlds: the coziness of a small town plus access to a major city just 35 miles away. Almost everyone stays for the weekends—making it easy to focus on academics, create friendships, and take part in campus life.



Ready to Explore?

Just steps from campus you'll find coffeehouses, shops, galleries, a movie theater, restaurants featuring nearly every type of cuisine, miles of biking paths, and a 22-acre nature preserve. The city of Oberlin was named one of Ohio's Best Hometowns by *Ohio Magazine*.

Nearby Cleveland offers a vibrant music, arts, and food scene; major league sports teams; and beaches and hiking paths along the Lake Erie shoreline.



Your Home on Campus

As a first-year student, you can choose your housing style: a traditional residence hall; identity-based, language, and living-learning communities; or a student-run co-op, in which you'll share in household duties and meal prep. And Obies love their food! You'll find fresh, local options to suit every eater and dietary lifestyle.



Prepare for Fun!

We have a student club for nearly any interest you can imagine. You can join or watch a band, play basketball or quidditch, host your own radio show, write for a student newspaper or science journal, or all of the above! And with hundreds of concerts, speakers, and performances on campus each year, there's always something to do.

\$5

to hang an original Monet or Picasso in your dorm room for a semester, courtesy of our art museum.

175+

student groups, ranging from hobbies, music, and sports to politics, faith, and identity.

2025 

year that Oberlin reached carbon neutrality.



After Oberlin

Employers know that students who study the liberal arts are able to reason, analyze, and communicate—skills that can take you anywhere! Our alumni include 15 MacArthur “Genius” fellows, 4 Nobel Laureates, 9 Pulitzer Prize recipients, 23 members of the National Academy of Sciences, and countless Grammy Award winners.

Top Obie Career Fields

Business
Cultural Institutions
Education
Entertainment or Film
Fine and Performing Arts
Healthcare and Medicine
Law
Publishing or Media
Science and Research
Social/Human Services
Technology

Popular Graduate Schools

Columbia
Harvard
Johns Hopkins
Juilliard
Rice
UC Berkeley
University of Michigan
Yale

Recent First Employers

Google
Merrill Lynch
Morgan Stanley
National Institutes of Health
Netflix
NPR
Peace Corps
Pew Research Center
Smithsonian Institution
Spotify
Teach For America
United States Senate



Affording an Oberlin Education

We are committed to making an Oberlin education affordable, so our financial aid policy is simple: we meet 100% of a family’s demonstrated financial need. More than half of our students receive need-based Oberlin grants, and every admitted student will receive a renewable merit-based scholarship.



Grants and scholarships make up the majority of a student’s financial aid award; last year, Oberlin committed \$100 million in institutional grants and scholarships. The average Federal Loan indebtedness at graduation is \$26,000, approximately half of the national average.

Oberlin’s Quick Cost Estimator provides an easy way for families to estimate their need-based financial award. Visit go.oberlin.edu/estimate.

Apply Early Decision to Oberlin!

Oberlin offers three decision plans for first-year applicants to the College of Arts & Sciences: Early Decision, Early Action, and Regular Decision. If you know that Oberlin is your first-choice college, we encourage you to apply Early Decision. Submitting an Early Decision application means that if admitted, you will definitely enroll at Oberlin.

Your commitment to Oberlin through an Early Decision application helps you stand out in the applicant pool and increases your chance of admission. It can also help you complete your college search midway through your senior year and ease the stress that often accompanies the college selection process.

You can request an in-depth estimate of your need-based financial aid eligibility prior to submitting your Early Decision application. For details, visit our ED website.

EARLY DECISION I November 1	EARLY ACTION November 1	EARLY DECISION II January 2	REGULAR DECISION January 5
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WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?

Choose from 90+ majors in the College of Arts & Sciences and the Conservatory of Music—or create your own.

College of Arts & Sciences

Africana Studies
Anthropology
Archaeological Studies
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Book Studies*
Business
Chemistry
Cinema and Media
Classical Civilization
Cognitive Science*
Communication Studies
Comparative American Studies
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Creative Writing
Dance
Data Science
East Asian Studies
Economics
Education Studies*
Engineering, 3-2
English
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Finance*
Financial Economics
Food Studies*
French
Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies
Geosciences
German
Global Health

Greek Language and Literature
Hispanic Studies
History
Individual Major
Integrated Arts (BA+BFA)
International Affairs*
Jewish Studies
Journalism*
Latin American Studies
Latin Language and Literature
Law and Society
Linguistics*
Literary Translation*
Mathematics
Middle East and North African Studies*
Music*
Musical Studies
Neuroscience
Peace and Conflict Studies*
Philosophy
Physics and Astronomy
Politics
Pre-Med*
Psychology
Public Humanities*
Religion
Russian
Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Sociology
Spanish*
Statistical Modeling*
Studio Art
Theater
Writing and Communication*

Conservatory of Music

Performance
(18 areas of private study)
Historical Performance
(11 areas of private study)
Jazz Performance
(8 areas of private study)
Composition
Ethnomusicology*
Jazz Composition
Individual Major
Musicology
Music Theater
Music Theory*
Piano Pedagogy*
Piano Technology
Recording Arts and Production
Technology in Music and Related Arts (TIMARA)
Vocal Accompanying

Combined Areas of Study (A&S and Conservatory)

African American Music*
Arts Administration and Leadership*
Arts and Creative Technologies*
Interdisciplinary Performance*
Music and Cognition*
Music and Popular Culture*
Pedagogy, Advocacy, and Community Engagement*

**Minor or concentration only*