Oberlin College is an independent, coeducational institution committed to rigorous academics, artistic and musical excellence, and social justice. We are located in the American Midwest, about 55 kilometers from the major city of Cleveland, Ohio. With 2,800 students in more than 50 academic and music majors, Oberlin ranks consistently among the top liberal arts schools in the United States.

Founded in 1833, Oberlin was the first college or university in America to adopt a policy to admit students of color (1835) and the first college to award bachelor’s degrees to women (1841) in a coeducational program. Oberlin’s distinct history of challenging intellectual and social conventions shapes the student experience today, fostering strong bonds among a diverse community of bright and talented students from around the world.

Oberlin provides the high-caliber facilities that you would expect to find at a large university – a $65 million Science Center, one of the top five college art museums in the nation, an exhaustive library system, and more. Oberlin is also home to a premier Conservatory of Music that has produced world-class musicians since 1863. The presence of the Conservatory, which enrolls many international students, along with stellar art, theater, and dance programs, has earned Oberlin a reputation for creative expression.

Oberlin has always valued the presence of a thriving international community. International students are welcome to apply to Oberlin as either first-year or transfer students and have access to all programs available to American students. About 12 percent of Oberlin students hold foreign passports and come from nearly 50 countries.

We offer a challenging academic environment with 50 percent of admitted international students having SAT Critical Reasoning Scores between 630 and 730, SAT Mathematics Scores between 710 and 790, SAT Writing Scores between 640 and 710, and iBT TOEFL Scores between 105 and 111.

Oberlin is one of the few American colleges able to offer substantial financial assistance to international students. The College meets 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students through grants, scholarships, loans, and campus employment.

Oberlin supports its international students with outstanding financial aid, visa support, guaranteed student housing, and a strong International Student Office. Other international resources and organizations include:

- Dean of Students Office
- Multicultural Resource Center
- International Students Organization
- African Student Association
- Korean Student Association
- La Alianza Latina
- Muslim Student Association
- South Asian Student Association
- Students of Caribbean Ancestry

A LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE FOR YOU?

Did you know that there are more than 4,300 institutions of higher education in the United States? We’d like to introduce you to the most particularly American of
these institutions: the liberal arts college. There are roughly 100 liberal arts colleges in the U.S., but what are “liberal arts colleges”? How do they differ from the more familiar universities? And, most importantly, why would you want to attend one?

Like most liberal arts colleges, Oberlin College is an undergraduate institution. It offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees. It is residential, with nearly all of the students living in a self-contained campus environment. Finally, liberal arts colleges like Oberlin focus on curricula both broad and deep - ones designed to help students bring the most diverse possible perspectives and abilities to create new knowledge to their chosen areas of specialization.

Without graduate students, undergraduate education is the focus of all academic endeavors at liberal arts colleges. Students and faculty frequently work together on research projects. Classes are taught by faculty members, not graduate students, and are generally quite small. At Oberlin College the average class size is 19 and 86 percent of classes have 30 or fewer students enrolled in them. Because of the small class size and overall institutional size, and with 87 percent of students living on campus, students and faculty at Oberlin form a tightly knit academic community with emphases on academic, social, athletic, and other extracurricular interaction.

Despite the name “liberal arts college,” institutions like Oberlin do not focus solely on the arts. While excellent programs in music, art, dance, and theater are offered, liberal arts colleges also provide a wide array of other academic majors. In addition to traditional disciplines like biology, chemistry, economics, English, history, physics, politics, and psychology, Oberlin is also known for its path-breaking and highly-respected programs in East Asian studies, environmental studies and neuroscience.

The Oberlin community believes that education should not be narrowly focused on preparation for a specific profession. Rather, undergraduate education should prepare a student to connect and combine knowledge from different fields to produce new configurations and paradigms. At Oberlin, students take courses in many fields other than their major subject, and often wait a year or two to decide on a major. Those who already know what they wish to study can add other disciplines to their store of knowledge while pursuing a major subject. Other students explore a number of different subjects and intellectual directions before settling on a major or majors that best utilize their individual skills and interests.

Education is not only an academic endeavor. Liberal arts colleges like Oberlin have a long history of encouraging their students to become involved in the larger world. Community service, political involvement, and environmental responsibility are at the forefront of life at liberal arts colleges. Last year Oberlin students and staff contributed over 60,000 hours of community service from assisting in local schools, to building houses for Habitat for Humanity, to raising funds for a school in Africa. We believe that it is our responsibility as students and educators to push our understanding in ways that may ultimately enable a better and fairer world.

Employers know that liberal arts college graduates make excellent employees because of their well-developed ability to think critically, learn quickly, write well, and use their broad knowledge base to identify new solutions to the complex new problems facing businesses and societies today. Graduate and professional schools also recognize the strengths of a liberal arts education. Ap-
approximately 84 percent of Oberlin graduates go on to pursue graduate degrees. Recent international alumni from Oberlin have pursued medical degrees at Yale University, law degrees at the London School of Economics, MBA degrees from Northwestern University, doctoral degrees in economics at the University of Chicago, engineering at Columbia University, history at Cambridge University, biology at Yale University and business at Harvard University, to name just a few. For many years Oberlin has been the leading undergraduate institution in sending students on to Ph.D. programs in the sciences.

In the 21st century, college graduates are valued not only for their technical skills (which are quickly outdated), but also for their ability to respond to the world’s changing political, economic, cultural, scientific, and moral challenges. Liberal arts colleges in general, and Oberlin College in particular, are among the world leaders in preparing young people for this exciting time of global change.

An Oberlin College education isn’t right for everyone. But if you are an academically strong student who sees yourself as an intellectual explorer with a passion for learning and the desire to take on global challenges, a liberal arts education at Oberlin College can be a transformative experience for you!

A FEW NOTABLE OBERLIN ALUMNI

Stanley Cohen – Nobel Prize for Medicine

Robert Millikan – Nobel Prize for Physics

June Osborn – Advisor to World Health Organization, Former Chair U.S. National Commission on AIDS

Roger Sperry – Nobel Price for Medicine

Bi-khim Hsiao – Member of Parliament and Advisor to the President of Taiwan

Eduardo Mondlane – Considered Father of Modern Mozambique

Edwin Reischauer – Former US Ambassador to Japan

Anne Osborn Krueger – Deputy Director International Monetary Fund, Former VP of the World Bank

William Schultz – Former Executive Director of Amnesty International

Kamal Quadir – Founder of Globekids Digital Animation Company

Ishmael Beah – Best-Selling Author of A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

James Burrows – Ten-time Emmy Award Winning TV Producer

Liz Phair – Indie rock recording artist with six cds

Julie Taymor – Tony Award winning writer/director of The Lion King

David Zinman – Five-time Grammy Award Winning Musician
ABOUT THE TOWN OF OBERLIN

Oberlin is a sophisticated, cosmopolitan, creative, and welcoming community of 8,600 people located in the American Midwest. While maintaining the serenity and security of a small town, the diverse community also hosts a thriving arts and music scene and a variety of restaurants and businesses that cater to student interests and budgets.

ABOUT NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Cleveland, the heart of Ohio’s largest metropolitan area, is located only 35 miles northeast of Oberlin. On the shores of Lake Erie, Cleveland is home to the Cleveland Clinic, the Cleveland Orchestra, NASA’s John Glenn Research Center, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Cleveland Zoo, four professional sports teams, and excellent theaters, libraries, and museums. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, located halfway between Oberlin and downtown Cleveland, is a major hub for Continental Airlines. Both the city and the airport are accessible by low cost public transportation. Northeast Ohio is a leader in the fields of biomedical research and environmental technologies such as solar energy and alternative fuels. International companies like Eaton Corporation, Nordson Corporation, Parker Hannifin, Progressive Insurance, Sherwin Williams, and TRW call the region home.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES IN OBERLIN

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