Oberlin College believes that all interested students, regardless of major, should have the opportunity to spend a semester away from campus on an academic program in a different part of the country or the world. Study Away opportunities offered by Oberlin or affiliated with the college cover a wide range of geographic areas, curricular or academic interests, and program types. Over 500 Oberlin students each year participate in approved winter term, summer, semester- or year-long study away programs. Students interested in studying away can choose from Oberlin-sponsored programs, consortial programs, or over 90 affiliated programs. Information on these programs and the process for studying away is available in the Study Away Library (Peters 205) or at www.oberlin.edu/studyaway. More information about our international offerings can be found at new.oberlin.edu/international. The following is a sample of the off-campus study options offered by Oberlin College.

1. PROGRAMS RUN BY OBERLIN COLLEGE

The Danenberg Oberlin-in-London Program offers students the opportunity for intensive disciplinary and interdisciplinary study, and to live and work with a small group of students, all set within a great, diverse city. Students on the program take advantage of the cultural and educational opportunities offered in London. The program, offered each spring semester, features two Oberlin faculty, each chosen from a different discipline, who teach approximately 25 Oberlin students. Oberlin tuition is charged and financial aid applies for qualifying students. More information is available at www.oberlin.edu/london.

Studies at the University of Córdoba - Students of Spanish language, literature, and culture may participate for one or two semesters in the Programa de Estudios Hispanicos en Córdoba, Spain (PRESHCO). This program is sponsored by a consortium of Wheaton College, Oberlin College, Smith College, Trinity College, and Wellesley College. Córdoba, one-time capital of Roman Spain and seat of the Caliphate, offers a unique opportunity for on-the-scene study of the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian influences on Spanish culture. Courses are offered in literature, history, art, architecture, music, economics, and social and political reforms. Particularly attractive for the student of Latin America are the "Archivos de Indias" (archives) in nearby Seville and the program at the University of Córdoba in American studies. Total program expenses, including transportation, cost no more than a normal Oberlin semester and qualifying students may apply their financial aid. Interested students should consult with the Department of Hispanic Studies or their website http://new.oberlin.edu/arts-and-sciences/departments/hispanic_studies/study_away.dot.

Oberlin-in-Italy - This intensive summer program in Italian language, culture and musical studies is available to students in both the Conservatory and College of Arts and Sciences. Based in Arezzo, Italy, the month-long program includes language study at six levels, as well as an Art History course, musical coaching, an opera production, coaching and master classes. The program is open to all students, regardless of major. There are no prerequisites, however, auditions are required for performers. The program fee includes tuition, round-trip airfare, internal transportation, and accommodations (half-pension) with an Italian family. For additional information see the website new.oberlin.edu/conservatory/summer/oberlin-in-italy.

2. WINTER TERM OPPORTUNITIES

Oberlin students may choose to spend one or more winter terms pursuing international academic or experiential opportunities either designed by the individual student or offered by academic departments. Ongoing international winter term projects include: an intensive Spanish language winter term in Guadalajara, Mexico offered through the Department of Hispanic Studies and a Conservatory-sponsored winter term trip to Panama for students interested in music teaching. Examples of
other winter term projects offered recently include student-led trips to Belgium, El Salvador, South Africa, and Peru. More information about study away opportunities during winter term is available at www.oberlin.edu/winterterm.

3. PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED BY THE GREAT LAKES COLLEGES ASSOCIATION

Oberlin is a member of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA), a consortium of twelve midwestern colleges that recognizes a number of off-campus study programs both in the U.S. and abroad. Students participating in GLCA-recognized programs will pay Oberlin’s tuition and may apply both their Oberlin and federal financial aid if qualified. Students participating in the Tuition Remission Exchange Program may apply the benefit to any GLCA recognized program. Information on these programs is available in the Study Away Office in Peters 205 or at www.oberlin.edu/studyaway/choosing_consortial.html. Through its membership in GLCA, Oberlin offers opportunities for an academic leave of absence in the following programs:

Abroad Study – GLCA recognizes semester and/or academic year programs based in Kenya, Senegal, and Japan. These programs attract students from a wide range of fields of study.

American-Based Programs – In the US, GLCA recognizes five off-campus study programs: the Border Studies Program (Arizona), the Philadelphia Center, the New York Arts Program, the Oak Ridge Science National Laboratory (Tennessee), and the Chicago-based Newberry Library Program in the Humanities.

4. OBERLIN AFFILIATED PROGRAMS (OAP)

Various Oberlin College departments, programs, and curricular committees have an ongoing, explicit, and particular relations with both US and abroad programs. As with the GLCA recognized programs, there are faculty liaisons and financial aid for qualifying students is applicable to the programs. Oberlin Affiliated Programs include approximately 90 programs (in more than 30 different countries). A few of the programs are described below; contact the Study Away Office for a complete list. The list is also available on line at www.oberlin.edu/studyaway.

Associated Kyoto Program – This program offers the student a year abroad amidst the academic and cultural attractions of Japan's ancient imperial capital. The program is based at Doshisha University, one of Japan's leading private institutions of higher learning. Students admitted to the program pursue intensive language study, attend classes at the university, and are also expected to pursue their own interests under the rubric of Independent Study. Prerequisites for admission include one full year of Elementary Japanese, one Japanese area course (history, art, etc.), and an on-campus interview with the Resident Director of the program.

Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome – Oberlin College is a participating member of the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. A semester of study in Rome during the junior or senior year is available for qualified students majoring in the Classics Department. Consult the department chairperson for details.

Program for Mexican Culture and Society in Puebla, Mexico – Oberlin College, Smith College, Wellesley College and Wheaton College, MA offer a residential study program in Puebla, Mexico, in collaboration with the Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla (BUAP) – one of Mexico’s leading public teaching and research universities. Students build an individually tailored curriculum in collaboration with a home-campus advisor and an on-site resident director (a faculty member of one of the consortium institutions). Offerings at the BUAP are extensive and particularly strong in the humanities (art; history; performing arts, including dance, music, and theatre; philosophy; language and lit-
erature) and the social sciences (anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, sociology).

**Prague Film School** - This special semester in film production and cinema studies in the Czech Republic features courses in directing, filmmaking, acting for film, and documentary film. For information contact the Cinema Studies department.

**CIEE Tropical Ecology and Conservation in Monteverde, Costa Rica** - This program features tropical field and course work from both theoretical and taxonomic perspectives. It is designed for students with biology-related majors who have completed at least one year of introductory biology and one elective in ecology. All biology courses are taught in English.

5. **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Summer Programs in Biology** – Summer courses at numerous inland and marine biological stations are usually accepted toward the biology major. Three scholarships for study at marine biological laboratories, such as the one at Woods Hole, Massachusetts or Bermuda, are available to majors in biology or related disciplines. These are the Mary Mackenzie Lincoln Scholarship for women and the Budington, George T. Scott, and Oberlin Scholarships for either men or women. Applications for the scholarships are usually accepted and acted upon in February of each year.

6. **The Academic Leave of Absence Process**

Students who wish to attend a non-Oberlin program must apply for permission to study away from campus during the regular semester through the Academic Leave of Absence (ALOA) process. The application deadline is always March 15 for any semester in the following year. Members of the faculty Off-Campus Study Committee review the academic leave of absence applications. Academic leaves are approved when students can demonstrate the value of such leaves for their Oberlin education. To qualify for a leave, a student needs to declare a major, complete at least two semesters at Oberlin, be eligible to transfer credit, have departmental approval, and most importantly, write a solid educational rationale for the leave. Leaves may be granted for one to two semesters. Academic leaves are for full-time study only, so students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours or the equivalent in other academic calendars. Credit earned on off-campus programs may be transferred as long as the arrangements are discussed and approved in advance by the appropriate departments and the Office of the Dean of Studies, and provided that a leave of absence is arranged within the published deadlines.

7. **COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID**

As of the 2012-13 academic year, Oberlin College charges students studying off campus Oberlin's own tuition rate for any approved academic leave of absence semester whether on an Oberlin Affiliated Program or a non-affiliated program. If the program tuition is higher than Oberlin's tuition, the higher tuition will be charged. Room and board costs for the semester are those charged by the program. There will be no additional study away fee charged by Oberlin College. Oberlin merit and need-based aid will be applied to the tuition for the semester away if the student participates in an Oberlin GLCA recognized or Oberlin Affiliated program. If financial aid is a consideration, an early consultation with the Office of Financial Aid is recommended. For the Oberlin-sponsored semester Programs, the GLCA recognized, and the Oberlin Affiliations Programs, both Oberlin and Federal financial aid can be continued. For all other non-affiliated programs (except for summer study, for which no aid is available), students are limited to using their Federal financial aid.