

NEW STUDENTS: PREPARING FOR OBERLIN “WHAT TO BRING” CHECKLIST

PERSONAL

- bed sheets and pillowcases (you will need size twin/long sheets)
- mattress cover
- blankets (electric blankets are prohibited)
- pillows
- bedspread or comforter
- alarm clock
- wastebasket
- study lamp (no halogen lamps)
- flashlight
- towels
- toiletry articles
- shower shoes
- shower caddy
- hair dryer
- fan
- iron with auto shutoff
- extension cords (must be grounded)
- keychain
- laundry soap
- laundry bag or basket
- warm clothing and jacket/coat
- lightweight clothing
- bathrobe
- sports apparel
- postage stamp
- coffee maker w/ auto shutoff
- rug

ELECTRONICS

- computer*
- computer accessories
- refrigerator (no more than one per room and must be 5 cubic feet or smaller)

All appliances must have an automatic shutoff.

*Many students bring or buy computers for writing papers and connecting to the Internet. The Oberlin College Technology Store has its annual Back-to-School Sale each July through September. Because the store orders in bulk for this sale, it can offer the best values on the latest technology at this time.

All residence hall rooms are equipped with network ports for each person in the room. In addition, wireless Internet access is available from many areas on campus.

The college provides Macintosh and Windows computers in computer laboratories around campus. These facilities are sometimes booked for classes, but they also serve as an alternative for students who do not own their own computer or need access between classes.

The Center for Information Technology does not recommend bringing a computer older than two or three years.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- notebooks
- pens/pencils
- stapler
- binders
- folders
- dictionary
- index cards
- pencil sharpener
- book bag
- paper
- envelopes
- highlighters
- flash drives

COMMUNICATION NEEDS

- phone

All residence halls are equipped with local telephone service. Students may bring their own phone or may borrow one from the Office of Residential Education. Cell phones using any major service provider work in Oberlin; quality of service varies.

TRANSPORTATION

- bicycle
- bike lock

Bicycles are the most common means of transportation at Oberlin, and bike racks where you can lock your bike abound.

Having a car is not a necessity. Oberlin is a small community, and you'll be able to walk to most places without difficulty. Public transportation provided by Lorain County Transit is available to nearby towns, cities, and the airport. If you do decide to bring a car, keep in mind that student parking is limited.

DOCUMENTS

If you are eligible for federal Work-Study and would like to work part time while studying at Oberlin, you must provide certain documents for verification of employment eligibility. Only original documents are accepted. All documents must be current.

Acceptable documents include:

- Passport
 - Driver's license, state I.D. card, or school I.D.
- plus
- Social Security card and certified copy of birth certificate

If you are a foreign student lawfully admitted for permanent residence or an international student authorized to work in the United States, you must have documents proving your eligibility for employment. These are usually your visa, I-94 card, I-20 form, or the Alien Registration Card (green card).

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- electronic thermometer
- tweezers
- variety sized bandages
- ointment
- gauze squares
- q-tips
- over-the-counter remedies
- (ibuprofen, Benadryl, Sudafed, cortisone)
- first aid tape
- cough drops

SEE ALSO:

PARKING REGULATIONS

- <http://new.oberlin.edu/office/safety-and-security/parking-policies.dot>

OBERLIN TECHNOLOGY STORE

- <http://new.oberlin.edu/office/oberlin-technology-store/>