**Changes to Degree Programs, Course Selection, and Registration in 2013**

Starting in fall 2013, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Conservatory of Music will have a new course credit system and the College of Arts and Sciences will also have revised graduation requirements for all students (the Conservatory of Music’s graduation requirements are not changing). We will make the transition to the new system as smooth as possible for all students and we will honor students’ progress toward graduation earned under the current system when we transition to the new system. Please go to New Credit Requirements Effective Fall 2013 for more information.

Courses in the College of Arts and Sciences academic departments will be offered as either half academic courses (2 credits) or a full academic course (4 credits). Courses may also be classified as “co-curricular” and a student completing the Bachelor of Arts degree may count up to 8 credits toward the B.A. degree. A complete listing of co-curricular courses can be found here. Courses previously taken for 3, 4 or 5 credits will be considered a full academic course. Courses taken for 2 credits will be considered a half academic course.

Information regarding changes to the minimum and maximum number of courses/credits allowed per semester is available in the Oberlin Catalog. Please see the Academic Policies section for more information. Information regarding fees for part time, full time and over-hours is also available in the Oberlin Catalog; see the Expenses section.

Starting with the fall 2013 registration period (April 15-26 2013), students are assigned registration appointments according to the number of credits completed at Oberlin since matriculation plus credits “in-progress.” For example, Student A has completed 56 credits at Oberlin and a semester away in an approved Study abroad program. Assuming the student transferred 16 credits have transferred to Oberlin and the student is currently registered in 14 credits, Student A would have 80 credits that count toward the assigned registration time. Student B has completed 42 credits at Oberlin, has transferred 8 credits from work taken during the summer between the first and second years at Oberlin, and is currently registered in 14 credits. Student B would have 64 credits that count toward the assigned registration time.