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

TECHNOLOGY
☐ computer and accessories
☐ printer
☐ cell phone

Most students have their own computers, typically laptops. The Oberlin Technology Store has an annual Back-to-School Sale each July through September, where you can buy the latest technology at educational prices, including Apple computers and accessories.

Every student is provided an allocation for printing in labs and libraries across campus. Students can bring their own printer or purchase one from the Oberlin Technology Store.

Wi-Fi is available from most areas on campus. All residence hall rooms have network ports for high-speed wired Internet connection.

The college provides Macintosh and Windows computers in computer labs 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. Students can also borrow a laptop from any of the college’s libraries for up to four hours at a time.

Most major service providers offer cell phone coverage in Oberlin, though quality varies.

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

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS
☐ phone
☐ refrigerator (no more than one per room and must be 5 cubic feet or smaller)

All appliances must have an automatic shutoff.

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.

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 communities and the airport. If you 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://www.oberlin.edu/techstore

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