A Primer for Building Skills and Connections at Oberlin

(Note: the on-campus phone number format is 440.777.xxxx)

Oberlin College offers you a rich array of opportunities to connect with members of your community. These connections can happen in a variety of ways, including academic advising and personal advising. Making good use of these resources is an important skill: a skill we hope you will master during your time at Oberlin. This list includes many (but not all) of the resources available to you at the college.

Get acquainted with your professors—and your academic advisor—early in the semester. Check your syllabi for faculty office hours, and consider preparing a question about course material for that meeting. If you have a work shift or another class during office hours, talk to faculty before or after class to make an appointment. (You can otherwise inquire about an appointment via e-mail.) Building this skill—and these relationships—early on will help you make the most of your time at the college.

The Office of the Dean of Studies coordinates academic advising in the College of Arts and Sciences. Office staff advise students on academic progress, academic standing, fellowship advising, and related policies. The Dean of Studies’ division also includes the Offices of International Students, Winter Term, and Study Away (see below).

Peters Hall 205, x58540
new.oberlin.edu/office/dean-of-studies/

The mission of the Office of the Dean of Students is to lead and inspire the Division of Student Life to foster a sense of community via residential living, one in which you build lasting relationships with staff, faculty, and your peers. This division includes the class deans, who can help you address issues that extend beyond the classroom, and coordinate communication among appropriate offices. For example, if you were to need to miss multiple days of class due to illness, you could ask your class dean to e-mail your professors. Each incoming class has a class dean who remains with that class for four years. There’s also Amy Salim, assistant dean of students, who works year-in, year-out with first-years and sophomores.

Wilder Hall 105, x58462
http://new.oberlin.edu/office/dean-of-students/

Contact information for the class deans

First Year Class Deans
Anna Brandt, Dana Hamdan, Toni Myers, Amy Salim
x58462/Class.Deans@oberlin.edu/Wilder 105

Second Year Class Deans
Chris Donaldson and Amy Salim
x58464/Chris.Donaldson@oberlin.edu/Peters 118
x58462/Amy.Salim@oberlin.edu/Wilder 105

Third Year Class Dean
Shozo Kawaguchi
x58462/Shozo.Kawaguchi@oberlin.edu/Wilder 105

Fourth Year Class Dean
Monique Burgdorf
x58462/Monique.Burgdorf@oberlin.edu/Peters 118

Fifth Year Plus Class Deans
Contact the Dean of Students office to identify the appropriate class dean
x58462/Class.Deans@oberlin.edu/Wilder 105

The Office of the Conservatory Associate Deans coordinates academic advising in the conservatory and helps students with questions about advising, academic progress, academic standing, and related policies.

Bibbins Hall 113, x58293
http://www.oberlin.edu/condean/

The Office of International Students offers advising on all matters related to international students' visa status in the US., Peters Hall 205, x58540. Dana Hamdan, assistant dean for international students provides counsel on cultural adjustment issues, academics, and personal matters, Wilder 105 x58462.
The Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) serves as a resource for students who have been historically disenfranchised from higher education, as well as faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners. The goal of the MRC is to provide the institutional and administrative structures necessary to support Oberlin's commitment to a diverse social and liberal arts environment. The center also provides resources, education, and workshops for those generally interested in issues of diversity, inclusivity, and social justice.

135 W. Lorain Street, x58802
http://new.oberlin.edu/office/multicultural-resource-center/

The Office of Student Academic Services has a terrific staff to help you with tutoring services, special advising, time management strategies, and enrollment in Learning Assistance Program (LRNS) courses. The office also offers services for students with disabilities, through the Office of Disability Services.

Student Academic Services, Peters 118, x58464,
Office of Disability Services, Peters G27, x55588
new.oberlin.edu/student-life/academic-resources-and-support/student-academic-services.dot

The Academic Ambassadors Program includes a network of peer advisors who have demonstrated expertise in negotiating the academic, administrative, and cultural terrain of Oberlin College. They are eager to get to know you and answer your questions about life at Oberlin.

Peters Hall 205, x58540
new.oberlin.edu/office/dean-of-studies/academic/academic-ambassadors.dot

The Office of Winter Term provides information about the variety of winter term projects available, and its staff can help you with your winter term questions.

Peters Hall 205, x56499
new.oberlin.edu/office/winter-term/index.dot

The Office of Study Away provides assistance to students at every stage of the process of studying away from campus for a semester or year. Resources are available to help students decide when, where, and for how long they wish to study away. The office also maintains the study-away library.

Peters Hall 205, x56499
new.oberlin.edu/office/study-away/index.dot

The Career Center helps you identify and achieve meaningful career objectives that build upon your Oberlin education and extra-curricular activities. Staff members offer individual and group advising, as well as experiential opportunities that complement what you have learned inside and outside the classroom at the college.

Stevenson Hall, Longman Commons, x58140
http://new.oberlin.edu/office/career-center/

The Counseling Center provides counseling and psychotherapy services to students, via appointment and walk-in hours.

247 West Lorain Street, x58470
new.oberlin.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness/counseling-center.dot

The Office of Student Health offers services including primary care, 24-hour nurse line, laboratory testing, pharmacy services, immunizations, referrals, health education, and wellness programming.

247 West Lorain Street, x58180
new.oberlin.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness/health-services.dot