Senior Symposium FAQs

• What is the Senior Symposium?
  o The Senior Symposium is a forum for the recognition and celebration of the academic and artistic endeavors of this year’s senior class. On average, over 50 seniors present their work each year to standing-room audiences of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

• Where and when does it take place?
  o On the last Friday in April. The keynote address for the symposium begins at 1pm, in the Craig Lecture Hall of the Science Center.
  o Concurrent panels of student presenters commence at 1:30pm, 2:45pm, and 4pm. Each panel includes a faculty moderator and three or four students, each of whom is responsible for a 12-minute presentation. Ten to 15 minutes is reserved at the end for questions from the audience. Please check the symposium web page (@http://new.oberlin.edu/office/dean-of-studies/symposium/) for information on the program the second week of April.

• What types of projects do students submit for consideration?
  o Presenters last year represented disciplines in the arts and humanities, social sciences, the natural sciences and mathematics, and the Conservatory.
  o Projects can be summaries, for example, of work performed for honors or capstones, in an academic, artistic, or academic/artistic vein. They can also represent research conducted either with a faculty mentor or individually.
  o Please see a recent program (@http://tinyurl.com/OC-SSY-program) to get a sense of the rich variety of projects represented at the symposium.

• What do I need to do to prepare for the symposium?
  o We encourage you to work closely with your advisor on the presentation, and to take advantage of the workshops on presentations offered in the second module.

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