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FAMILY & PARENT

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FAMILY & PARENT HUB

Stay connected with the OC community. Join our [Family & Parent HUB Facebook group](#)! Stay apprised of campus events, important announcements and news impacting your student's experience. Connect with fellow parents to share advice, ask questions and seek support from those who have navigated the OC journey before you. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just starting, our HUB is your go-to resource for staying informed and connected throughout your student's time at OC.



NAVIGATING YOUR OC JOURNEY

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Welcome to Oklahoma Christian University, where academic excellence meets faith-based values. As you embark on this exciting journey alongside your student, we invite you to join us as partners in shaping their college experience.

At OC, we believe education is about acquiring knowledge and cultivating a deeper understanding of God's purpose for our lives. Our unwavering commitment to faith integration permeates every aspect of campus life, fostering a supportive environment where students can grow intellectually and spiritually.

As your student navigates the challenges and opportunities of college life, your guidance and love will play a vital role in their success. Remember, you're not alone in this journey. Our faculty and staff are here to assist your student in every way possible.

Together, we can create an exceptional experience for your student, empowering them to become leaders, innovators and beacons of Christ's light. Let us partner with you in nurturing your student's academic, spiritual and personal growth.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As members of the OC Family, we extend a warm welcome to you as you entrust us with the education and growth of your loved ones. At Oklahoma Christian University, our commitment goes beyond providing a high-quality academic experience. We strive to create an environment where humility, respect, kindness and joy are not just words but lived values demonstrated by all members of our community.

Our aim is for your students to thrive spiritually and academically during their time at OC. We base our actions and decisions on principles that promote your student's well-being, as exemplified in Esther 10:3. Through these efforts and more, we provide a supportive and inviting environment where your student can grow their faith and fulfill their dreams of higher education at OC.

We encourage you to play an active role in supporting your students during their time at OC. Encourage them to engage in campus activities and seek out a church community where their faith can thrive. Cheer them on as they embrace the values cherished on our campus and tackle challenging classes.

As they start their college journey, we invite you to walk alongside them in prayer, believing their OC experience will be a gift for your family for years to come. Welcome to the OC Family!

Sincerely,

L. KEN JONES, PH.D.

PARTNERING WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

PRE-SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

STUDENTS

- Start conversations with your high school counselor and family about your plans. Brainstorm a list of colleges you may want to tour.
- Explore careers and areas of study you're interested in. Follow a professional for a day and see if what they do appeals to you.
- Take challenging courses in core academic subjects. At OC, we offer concurrent courses to help start your college journey early.
- Stay involved in your high school and the community.
- Make a list of your awards, honors, activities, community service and anything else you accomplish. Documentation along the way will help when senior year rolls around.
- Take in-person or virtual campus tours. Plan to attend recruitment events to get to know the colleges you're interested in. At OC, we have several visit opportunities:

- Eagle for A Day
- Spring Visit
- Homecoming
- Individual Tours
- Virtual Tours

- Check for early-application options starting your junior year.



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- Plan financially for a college investment. Have conversations with your student about the reality and affordability of higher education. Look into savings programs and accounts that could assist in the financial planning process.
- Look into Residual ACT options at the university your student plans to attend.
- Stay updated with your school district's college fairs, financial aid nights and other college preparation resources.
- Attend college fairs with your student, but encourage them to drive the conversation with each college representative. Listen and support the student in their conversations.
- Research universities with your student and explore the varying admission processes and scholarship criteria. Make the most of your student's college visit days as a pre-senior by using them to tour different universities.
- Connect with admissions counselors to fully understand the resources available at colleges of interest.

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

STUDENTS

- Meet with your high school counselor. Ensure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admissions requirements.
- Continue taking challenging courses in core academic subjects. At OC, we offer concurrent courses to help start your college journey early.
- Connect with admissions counselors at every university you're applying to. It's helpful for them to know you.
- Make a calendar of important deadlines for every university you're interested in. Once you've applied to OC, check your email frequently as we'll work to keep you informed of all upcoming deadlines.
- Apply to college early. Many colleges have early admit deadlines in late fall.
- Schedule a personalized campus visit. Attend an admissions event or contact the university to schedule a meeting with faculty in your area of interest. At OC, we have several visit opportunities:
 - Eagle for A Day
 - Spring Visit
 - Homecoming
 - Individual Tours
 - Virtual Tours
- Apply for Financial Aid.
- Commit to a school and complete your post-admission steps!



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- Talk with your student about their future. Help your student clarify goals and priorities.
- Find out if your student has added schools to their college wish list. Schedule additional campus visits if needed.
- Encourage your student to stay on top of important deadlines.
- Help your student complete the FAFSA as soon as it's available.
- Research outside scholarships.
- Celebrate! Your student's high school graduation and college decisions are important and impactful - make sure you share your pride and support.



PRAY DAILY FOR YOUR STUDENT.

Monday — Pray for wisdom and discernment as your student navigates their academic pursuits.

Tuesday — Pray for a love for learning and the ability to grasp complex concepts confidently.

Wednesday — Pray for genuine friendships and a sense of belonging within the vibrant community at OC.

Thursday — Pray for managing time wisely and overcoming distractions, finding a healthy balance between academics and personal well-being.

Friday — Pray for rest and rejuvenation, allowing your student to recharge and find solace in life's simple pleasures.

Saturday — Pray for fulfillment in extracurricular activities, service opportunities and social gatherings, encouraging them to step outside their comfort zone and make a positive impact.

Sunday — Pray for spiritual growth and renewal, drawing them closer to God through prayer, worship and fellowship with fellow believers.

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FROM ORIENTATION TO GRADUATION

ORIENTATION AND TRANSITION PROGRAMS

Take Flight — Whether attending in-person or virtually, Take Flight is your student's gateway to a seamless college experience, offering insights into tuition, housing, dining and more. Get your questions answered and help your student prepare to soar with us!

Earn Your Wings — Starting a week before school begins, Earn Your Wings helps transition your student into college life. They'll experience OC as an Eagle through themed activities, community service on Kite Day and a rich introduction to OC's history. Your student will form friendships, enjoy entertainment and integrate worship into daily life. Their journey starts here!

Freshman Experience — The freshman experience doesn't end after Earn Your Wings. OC's Freshman Experience team in Student Life supports your student throughout the year. Freshmen will bond as they compete in intramurals, run for freshman class officers, perform in Freshman Fanfare and Spring Sing and enjoy banquets together. This continued support helps them thrive and make the most of their college journey.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

OC's Student Success Center is a steadfast navigator, partnering with academic programs to cultivate personal and academic responsibility in students.

Tutoring — OC provides comprehensive tutoring services to help your student succeed academically. Students can attend drop-in sessions or one-on-one appointments in over 65 subjects, such as General Biology and Programming 1. Writer's Block offers personalized writing help. Encourage your student to take advantage of these resources. Contact Senior Director of Student Success and Undergraduate Enrollment Hannah Leftwich at Hannah.Leftwich@oc.edu or 405.425.5907.

Testing Center — OC's Testing Center provides accessible testing services with standardized conditions for efficient, fair and secure exams. It supports students with accommodations, CLEP exams and placement testing to aid academic success. Contact Testing Center Coordinator Lora Potts at Lora.Potts@oc.edu or 405.425.5925.

Academic Coaching — OC's academic coaching offers personalized support. Coaches help with study skills, test anxiety and academic challenges, guiding students toward success. Contact Academic Life and Guidance Coach Roger Peron at Roger.Peron@oc.edu or 405.425.5922.

Accessibility Resource Center — OC's Accessibility Resource Center provides equal access for students with disabilities through academic and housing accommodations and support. It also helps with Emotional Support Animal requests for on-campus living. Contact Assistant Director of Student Success & Accessibility Resources Michael Ferguson at Michael.Ferguson@oc.edu or 405.425.5922.

Ascend Scholars Program — The Ascend Scholars Program supports students transitioning to college, especially those with low ACT scores or in developmental courses. It offers tailored programming, dedicated courses and peer mentors for first-year guidance. Students can access tutoring, advising and academic coaching through the Student Success Office. Contact Director of Student Success and Academic Outreach Hannah Leftwich at Hannah.Leftwich@oc.edu or 405.425.5907.

APPLIED SUCCESS

Career Services — OC's Career Services provides support from freshman to senior year. Students receive personalized assistance, including self-assessment, resume building, networking, mock interviews, internship placements and postgraduate prep. Workshops and advising sessions help students pursue their career goals. Contact Director of Career Services Charlotte Hamil at Charlotte.Hamil@oc.edu or 405.425.5961.

Graduate Programs — OC offers graduate programs in business, education, engineering, computer science and human science. These affordable, quality programs provide competitive tuition rates and financial aid options for accessible education.

HOLISTIC SUCCESS

Talon's Table — Talon's Table is OC's food pantry combating student food insecurity. It's open to all OC students, faculty and staff during Student Success hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday). Students can use Talon's Table by visiting Student Success or scanning the QR code around campus for pickup times. During breaks, on-campus students receive emails with information on how to pick up break bags containing a week's worth of meals and snacks. Talon's Table has no eligibility criteria and aims to supply OC with nutritious meals and necessities. Consider donating to help sustain this essential service. Scan here and designate your gift as Talon's Table.



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Fitness & Recreation — OC's Fitness Center and recreational opportunities boost student health and community. The Fitness Center offers equipment and group fitness classes for all schedules and preferences. The 3.1-mile campus trail connects with Edmond's trail system for outdoor fitness.

TeamOC supports your student's fitness goals, including running the OKC Memorial Marathon as part of a large team. Join other events like the 2.5-mile free Glow Run and the family-friendly Holiday Hustle, featuring 5k and 10k runs, a kid's run and a pancake breakfast.

Counseling Services — The University Counseling Center offers professional, confidential mental health services for students, faculty and staff. We treat anxiety, depression, adjustment disorders, relationship issues and other issues. Please contact us at counseling.center@oc.edu or call us at 405.425.5250 to ask for further information about the services we offer. For immediate assistance outside Counseling Center hours, contact Campus Police at 405.425.5500.

Spiritual Life — At OC, your student joins a Kingdom University fostering personal and spiritual growth. Residential life includes weekly Bible studies and community service activities, while clubs encourage active engagement in faith. Chapel opportunities offer large and intimate services with varying themes. OC also provides mission trip opportunities locally and globally, aligning with students' interests and academics. The Office of Spiritual Life guides students on their faith journey and encourages them to connect with local congregations.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Full-time students must provide proof of health insurance. If proof of insurance is not provided they'll be enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare Student Resources (UHCSR) plan. All International students at OC on an F1 Visa are required to enroll in the UHCSR plan.

This plan is affordable and compliant with the Affordable Healthcare Act. To learn more about the UHCSR plan, call 1.800.767.0700 or scan here:

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FROM START TO FINISH

MAKING EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

We are dedicated to making your student's education accessible and affordable, offering a variety of scholarships. Over 90% of our students receive financial aid, with more than \$21 million awarded in scholarships. Students may qualify for scholarships based on academic focus, extracurriculars and talents.

Some of our more popular scholarships include:

- **Merit Awards** — Merit Awards are academic honors students earn based on their highest composite ACT, CLT or SAT score, an unweighted cumulative high school GPA or a combination of test scores and GPA.
- **Heritage Scholarship** — OC offers a special scholarship for first-time college students who are active members of a church of Christ youth group. The Heritage Scholarship guarantees 50% of tuition is met after all OC aid is included and is renewable for up to eight semesters.
- **Church Match Scholarship** — OC will match your church scholarship up to \$1,000 per academic year. This award will stack on top of the Heritage Scholarship.
- **President's Leadership Class (PLC)** — The \$1,000 PLC scholarship is awarded to a select group of students with exceptional leadership skills and strong academic records. This program cultivates outstanding potential in proven student leaders. Find out if your student qualifies.
- **Ike's Promise** — Ike's full tuition promise makes an OC experience achievable for everyone, particularly for families who previously considered private, Christian education out of financial reach.

PRESIDENT'S
LEADERSHIP
CLASS



IKE'S
PROMISE



ALL OC
SCHOLARSHIPS



FAFSA



To see a complete list of institutional scholarships and to apply:

FAFSA — The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is pivotal for unlocking federal aid, OC scholarships, work-study opportunities and understanding loan options. Submit your FAFSA as soon as it's available, listing OC (school code 003165) to secure your student's eligibility for financial aid.

UNIQUE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Concurrent Enrollment — OC's Concurrent Enrollment program offers high school students an opportunity to jump-start their college career. For just \$245 per course, they gain access to college-level education and graduate on time with a manageable credit load. Benefits include expert instruction, exclusive perks and a vibrant campus community.

CONCURRENT
ENROLLMENT



Honors Global Academy (HGA) — HGA at OC provides high school students a study abroad experience in Vienna, Austria, exploring European art, history and culture. Students earn three hours of university credit transferable to other institutions. The program cost includes airfare, transfers, field trips, transportation passes, museum admissions and housing accommodations. Options are available for credit and noncredit participation. This opportunity enriches students' academic journey and fosters a global mindset.

HONORS
GLOBAL
ACADEMY



Honors Summer Academy (HSA) — HSA at OC is a one-week program for high-achieving high school students in grades 9-11. Students earn two hours of transferable university credit through in-person courses with OC's Master Teachers. Admission requires specific test scores or a recommendation letter. The cost is \$600, significantly discounted by scholarships. Students can build academic skills, make lifelong friends and gain college experience on OC's campus.

HONORS
SUMMER
ACADEMY



FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Business Bootcamp — Business Bootcamp is a fall orientation for incoming freshmen and transfer business majors held yearly the week before Earn Your Wings. Throughout the Bootcamp, students learn business theory and practice through a real-world team project, working with consultants to develop and present a new business concept to potential investors. Students attending Bootcamp receive one hour of academic credit and will not have to take BUSA-1211, Introduction to Business, during the fall semester.

BUSINESS
BOOTCAMP



Engineering Summer Academy (ESA) — Engineering Summer Academy is a fun-filled week for incoming engineering majors and takes place each year a week before Earn Your Wings. Students learn through challenging projects using catapults, deciphering messages and programming robotic vehicles. The program's cost includes one hour of course credit (ENGR-1111), as well as room and board for the week. Space is limited to the first 54 students.

ENGINEERING
SUMMER
ACADEMY



Honors — The Honors Program at OC offers high-achieving students a rigorous academic experience with smaller, discussion-based classes. Students benefit from critical thinking, research and interdisciplinary learning opportunities, as well as professional development and close interactions with faculty mentors. The program includes sponsored excursions to local cultural venues and events, a shared living community and study abroad options.



Study Abroad — We offer several study abroad opportunities for students to immerse themselves in different cultures and gain global perspectives. Students receive support for a safe and enriching experience with various destinations and programs, fostering personal and academic growth.

Summer Session — OC offers summer sessions to help students stay on track or get ahead. With multiple start dates throughout the summer, most classes are available online. Encourage your student to contact the registrar or speak with their advisor to learn more about available options.



GRADUATE AN EAGLE

Graduating students at OC will be charged a \$100 graduation fee, covering regalia, ceremony expenses and degree postage. This fee applies to all graduates, regardless of participation in commencement. Honor students should contact their sponsors for cords or medallions worn at the ceremony. Undergraduates may graduate with distinction: summa cum laude (3.85–4.00 GPA), magna cum laude (3.60–3.84 GPA) or cum laude (3.40–3.59 GPA). Honors in the program are based on the student's GPA and hours completed as of the previous term, with final honors recorded on the transcript and diploma if there are changes.

The following terms and definitions classify students in attendance at OC:

- **Freshmen** — Students with fewer than 30 semester hours credit.
- **Sophomores** — Students with 30 to 59 semester hours credit.
- **Juniors** — Students with 60 to 89 semester hours credit.
- **Seniors** — Students with 90 or more semester hours credit.
- **Transfers** — Students who have completed 16 or more college-level hours since graduating from high school and before attending OC.
- **Full-Time** — Students taking 12 semester hours or more during any semester.
- **Graduate** — A student in a dual undergraduate/graduate degree program is considered a graduate student when they have completed eight full-time (12-hour) semesters, including full-time summer or winter semesters, of undergraduate studies. These full-time semesters may be completed at OC or another institution. The change to graduate student status will impact a student's use of scholarships, financial aid and tuition rates.

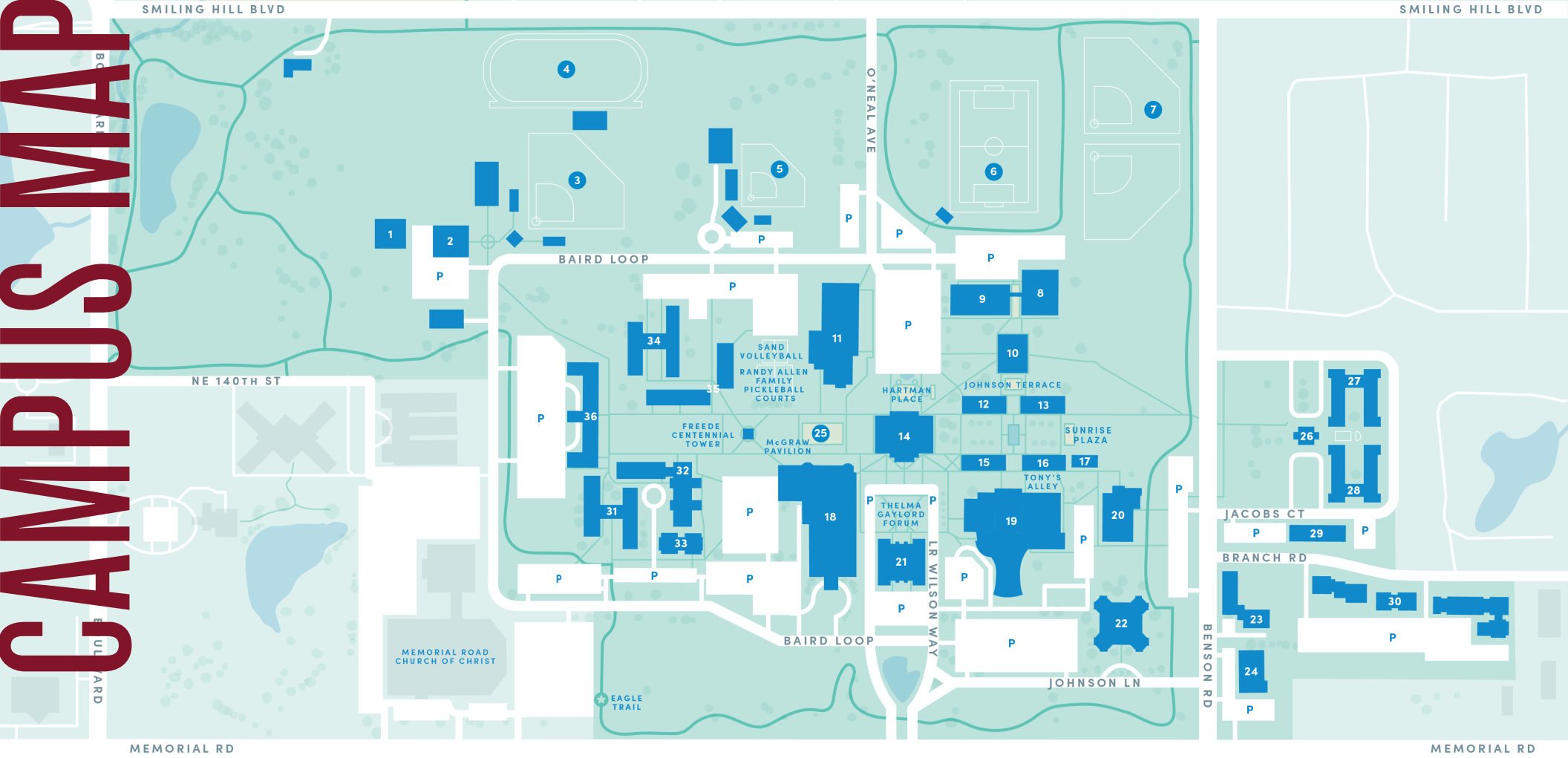
Good Standing

To be considered in good standing, students must maintain the cumulative GPA shown below:

- **Freshmen 1.70 (D)**
 - **Sophomore 2.0 (C)**
 - **Junior 2.0 (C)**
 - **Senior 2.0 (C)**
- All students will have an academic status check at the end of each semester.

CLASSROOM FAQs

1. **What are credits, hours and credit hours?** — In higher education, credits and credit hours refer to units of academic measurement for courses. They represent the value of a course and are used to track progress toward a degree. Hours can refer to the amount of time a student spends in class each week. Typically, a three-credit hour course means a class meets for three hours a week.
2. **How long does it take to earn a college degree?** — At OC, earning a college degree typically takes four years for a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree. However, the exact duration can vary depending on factors such as the chosen major, course load, transfer credits and whether the student participates in internships or co-op programs. Some students may graduate earlier or later depending on their individual circumstances.
3. **Is class attendance mandatory?** — Class attendance policies vary by course and professor at OC. Generally, regular attendance is encouraged, and absences may impact grades. Check individual course syllabuses for specific requirements.
4. **What about class size?** — OC boasts a 16:1 student-faculty ratio. Our small class sizes allow for more personalized attention from professors, increased opportunities for participation and discussion and a supportive learning environment. Smaller classes also help students build stronger relationships with their peers and instructors.
5. **Do course numbers have a special meaning?** — Yes. Course numbers indicate the level, subject and number of credit hours. The first digit reflects the course level (e.g., 1 for freshman, 2 for sophomore). The prefix shows the department (e.g., ENGR for engineering, HIST for history). While the last digit represents the number of credit hours.
6. **What is MyOC.edu?** — [MyOC.edu](https://myoc.edu) is the online portal for students, faculty and staff. It serves as a hub for accessing academic and administrative resources, including class schedules, grades, course registration and other campus services. Students can use the portal to stay connected and manage their academic journey at OC.



ACADEMICS

- 10 Davison American Heritage Building
- Education
 - History & Political Science
 - Psychology & Family Science

- 19 Garvey Center
- Art & Design
 - Communication
 - Music
 - College of Outreach and Innovation

- 20 Harvey Business Hall
- Business Administration
 - Graduate School of Business

- 23 Heritage Plaza
- Nursing

- 8 Herald Science Hall
- Biology
 - Natural & Health Sciences

- 14 Mabee Learning Center
- 1st Floor
- Beam Library
 - Honors Program
- 2nd Floor
- Archives
 - Language & Literature

- Student Success

- 3rd Floor
- Children's Library
 - Library Research
 - North Institute

- 8 Noble Science Wing

- 9 Prince Engineering Center
- Engineering
 - Computer Science
 - Graduate School of Engineering
 - Mathematics

- 13 Vose Hall/Mabee Laboratories
- Baugh Motion Capture Studio
 - Sparks Advanced Visualization Lab

- 21 Williams-Branch Center for Biblical Studies
- Biblical Studies
 - Center for Global Missions
 - Church Resources
 - Scott Chapel

ADMINISTRATION /OFFICES

- 15 Administration Hall/Johnson Executive Suites
- President & Executive Offices
- 16 Cogswell-Alexander Hall
- Financial Services

- Help Desk
- Information Technology Services
- Registrar
- Support Central

- 22 Enterprise Square
- Esports

- 19 Garvey Center
- Box Office
 - Events Management
 - McIntosh Conservatory
 - Phillips Welcome Center

- 12 Gaylord Hall
- 1st Floor
- Advancement
 - Alumni
 - Graduate Admissions
- 2nd Floor
- Admissions
 - International Programs

- 23 Heritage Plaza
- Business Office
 - Student Financial Services

- 24 Heritage Village
- Campus Police
 - The Christian Chronicle

- Human Resources
- 14 Mabee Learning Center - 2nd Floor
- Career Services
 - Creative Services
- 17 Residence Life Office

RESIDENCE LIFE

- 26 Apartment Place
- 34 Fails Hall and Warlick Hall
- 31 Gunn-Henderson Hall
- 33 Honors House at Davison Hall
- 27 Phase 3
- 28 Phase 4
- 29 Phase 5
- 30 Phase 6
- 17 Residence Life Office
- 32 Tinus
- 36 University House
- 35 Wilson

STUDENT SERVICES AND HANGOUTS

- 18 Gaylord University Center
- Aguila Grill

- Bookstore
- Chick-fil-A
- Student Life
- University Dining

- 24 Heritage Village
- Counseling Center
 - Mail Center
 - Mercy Clinic

- 14 Mabee Learning Center - 2nd Floor
- Coffee Shop (The Brew)

ATHLETICS

- 3 Baseball Complex
- 2 David Smith Athletic Center (The Barn)
- 22 Enterprise Square
- Esports
 - Junior Lorentz Golf Center
- 7 Jackson Family Intramural Fields
- 11 Payne Athletic Center/Eagles' Nest
- Randy Allen Family Pickleball Courts
 - Sand Volleyball Courts
 - Swimming Pool
 - TeamOC
- 6 Soccer Field

- 5 Softball Complex
- 4 Vaughn Track

EVENT VENUES/LANDMARKS

- 19 Garvey Center
- Baugh Auditorium
 - Judd Theatre/Adams Recital Hall
 - McIntosh Conservatory/Box Office
- 18 Gaylord University Center
- Gaylord Dining Room
- 25 Lawson Commons
- McGraw Pavillion
 - Freede Centennial Tower
- 18 Meinders Conference Center
- Gotcher Dining Room
- 21 Thelma Gaylord Forum
- 21 Williams-Branch Center for Biblical Studies
- Scott Chapel
- Freede Centennial Tower
- Hartman Place (Remembrance Area)
- Johnson Terrace
- Sunrise Plaza
- Tony's Alley

CAMPUS LIVING

RESIDENCE LIFE

At OC, our residence halls provide more than just housing — we offer lively communities where students build lifelong friendships, access academic support and experience personal growth. Live-in professionals guide students through college life, creating a comfortable, supportive environment that feels like home.

HOUSING OPTIONS:

- **Freshman Residence Halls** — Designed specifically for first-year students, these halls provide weekly devotionals, bimonthly events and service projects to support their transition to college life. Curfew and dorm checks are in place to help students establish healthy routines and aid in their smooth transition to more independent living.
- **Sophomore Residence Halls** — Provide more independence for sophomores, juniors and seniors, with increased privacy and roommate flexibility.
- **Apartment-Style Housing** — Ideal for upperclassmen, offering private and independent living arrangements similar to small apartments.
- **Off-Campus Housing** — While OC encourages on-campus living, certain criteria allow students to live off-campus, including age, credit hours, part-time status, marriage or dependent children.

HOUSING FAQS

1. **When will my student find out where they are living and who their roommates are?** — Assignments will be posted on oc.edu/MyOCHome two months before the first day of school.
2. **When does my student move into their residence hall?** — Housing opens for all students on Saturday, Aug. 17 before classes begin. However, if your student is participating in Business Bootcamp or Engineering Summer Academy, they will move in earlier and will receive additional information from their program organizers.
3. **Does my student have to be up to date on vaccines before moving in?** — Yes, your student must be up to date on vaccines before moving in. Oklahoma State Senate Bill 787 requires proof of immunization for hepatitis B (three injections) and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella — two injections). New students in campus housing must also either sign a waiver of informed refusal or be vaccinated for meningitis. For exemptions, students who meet certain conditions may be excused from the vaccination requirements.

MORE INFO
HERE!



4. **What if my student needs to cancel or change their housing assignment?** — Email housing@oc.edu for assistance.
5. **What happens if my student was assigned to a building that wasn't one of their choices?** — We make assignments based on the order we receive applications. If a student's first choice is full, we'll assign them to their second choice. They can get on our wish list (the form is on OC's housing website) and we'll move them if anything opens.
6. **Can my student live off campus?** — The criteria and off-campus petition form are found at:



CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus enjoys a secure location on the outskirts of Oklahoma City, boasting a low crime rate and round-the-clock security provided by eight CLEET-certified, fully commissioned and armed campus police officers.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES:

- Well-lit campus for safety after dark.
- Emergency call boxes in remote areas.
- Secured entrances with security cameras.
- Restricted dorm access using student ID cards.
- Campuswide text alert system for emergencies.
- Tornado shelters in multiple buildings.



WHAT TO PACK

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

OC offers students a variety of job opportunities. On-campus roles are conveniently located near classes and housing, offering valuable work experience. Students eligible for Federal Work-Study can find part-time on-campus jobs to help cover educational expenses. Positions are available in departments like administrative offices, dining services and the library. For a complete list of available positions, students can log in to their MyOC account and search for On-Campus Student Job Listing. Listings are organized by department and noted as WS (Work-Study Job) or RS (Regular Non-Work-Study Job). Contact the listed person via email or phone to inquire about or apply for a job. For those wishing to pursue something not on campus, OC's central location provides plenty of off-campus job opportunities.

STUDENT MAILBOXES

OC provides mailboxes for students living on campus. These mailboxes can be found at the Mail Center.

Student's Full Name, SB# _____*
Oklahoma Christian University
2501 E. Memorial Road
Edmond, OK 73013-5599

*If your student doesn't know their student mailbox number, please have them see instructions about their mailbox number at support@oc.edu.

OCWA GIFT PACKAGES

You may be far from your OC student, but you can send a touch of love with the help of the Oklahoma Christian Women's Association (OCWA). We offer gifts for birthdays, Spring Sing, back-to-school or just because. All proceeds support OC's campus.

- Personal Cake: \$25, plus optional gift card. Perfect for birthdays or celebrations!
- Student Gift Package: \$25 for a snack-filled bag, with optional gift card.
- Spring Sing Bouquets: \$25 for flowers or candy bouquets to celebrate Spring Sing.

ORDER HERE!



ESSENTIALS

- Bedding: We recommend XL Twin-size mattress pad, sheets, comforter, blanket and pillows.
- Towels: Bath towels, hand towels and washcloths
- Toiletries: Shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor (if needed) and shaving cream (if needed)
- Laundry supplies: Laundry detergent, dryer sheets and a laundry basket
- Cleaning supplies: All-purpose cleaner, disinfectant wipes, sponge, trash cans and trash bags
- First aid kit: Band-Aids, antiseptic wipes, pain relievers and other basic first-aid items
- Hangers
- Clothing storage containers
- Desk lamp
- Power strips
- Water bottle
- Snacks

OPTIONAL ITEMS [THINGS TO DIVIDE UP WITH YOUR ROOMMATE(S)]

- Minifridge
- Microwave
- Coffee maker
- Toaster
- Iron and ironing board
- Extension cords
- Fan
- Decorations, rugs, photos (only sticky tack, push pins and small nails can be used to attach things to the wall. No command strips.)
- Small kitchen appliances (blender, rice cooker, etc.)

ACADEMIC SUPPLIES

- Laptop or computer
- Notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters and paper
- Backpack
- Printer (optional)

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Clothes for all seasons
- Shoes for various occasions

Note: Costco, Target, Walmart and Sam's are all located within 15 minutes of campus.

FERPA

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students have control over the privacy of their educational records, including grades. Your student can grant you access to their grades through the MyOC portal by providing your contact information and authorization.

MONEY MATTERS

Student Financial Services — OC's Student Financial Services office assists students and parents with questions about billing, financial aid and payment plans. Students should remain in contact with their financial counselor to avoid any holds resulting from monetary issues.

Who is billed for enrollment fees and tuition? — The student is billed directly for enrollment fees and tuition. If you plan to handle these payments, ensure your student shares the billing details with you and adds you as their proxy or authorized user.

When should tuition and fees be paid? — Tuition and fees are due by the first day of class each semester unless payment arrangements are made through Student Financial Services. Students can view billing statements through their MyOC portal. OC offers payment plans for those who need them. For more information or assistance, email financialservices@oc.edu.

EAGLE BUCKS

Eagle Bucks is a prepaid spending account students can use on campus for various purchases. As a parent, you can add Eagle Bucks in increments of \$10 to your student's ID card, providing them with a convenient and secure way to pay for essentials such as:

- **Dining:** Your student can use Eagle Bucks at on-campus dining locations, including The Branch, The Brew, Chick-fil-A, Aguila Grill and Jimmy John's.
- **Bookstore:** Students can use Eagle Bucks to purchase school supplies and OC merchandise from the on-campus bookstore.
- **Off-campus:** Students may also use their Eagle Bucks off campus at businesses such as Alfredo's, OnCue and Sonic.

LOCAL AMENITIES

AROUND EDMOND/OKC

Visit Edmond — Explore the charming town of Edmond, Oklahoma, with its historic downtown, beautiful parks and vibrant arts and culture scene. For more information, visit VisitEdmondOK.com

Visit OKC — Oklahoma City, the capital of Oklahoma, is a thriving metropolis with a rich history and lively culture. From its captivating museums and monuments to its lively entertainment scene and diverse culinary offerings, OKC offers abundant experiences for visitors of all ages. For more information, visit VisitOKC.com

Student Favorites — Our students enjoy exploring various places in and around Edmond and OKC. Some favorite spots include:

- **Lake Hefner:** A popular destination for outdoor activities such as biking, walking, sailing and picnicking.
- **Bricktown:** OKC's entertainment district offers a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment options, including a scenic canal.
- **Downtown Edmond:** Known for its local shops, restaurants and art galleries, this area offers a charming, walkable experience.
- **Paseo Arts District:** Students enjoy the colorful arts scene, with galleries, studios and unique dining options.
- **Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden:** A great spot to experience wildlife and beautiful gardens.
- **Myriad Botanical Gardens:** Located in downtown OKC, this urban oasis is a peaceful retreat with walking paths and a tropical conservatory.
- **Scissortail Park:** A new urban park with recreational areas, walking trails and beautiful views.
- **Turner Falls Park:** Located farther away, this natural area offers hiking, waterfalls and swimming holes.
- **Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge:** Another slightly farther destination, this refuge provides hiking, rock climbing and wildlife-spotting opportunities.

Hotels — When visiting your college student, you can stay at several hotels located nearby. Some options include:

- **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Edmond:** This hotel is a short drive from the university, offering comfortable rooms and modern amenities.
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Edmond:** Known for its hospitality, this hotel features spacious rooms and a convenient location.
- **Home2 Suites by Hilton Edmond:** Providing spacious suites with kitchenettes, this hotel is perfect for extended stays.

Restaurants — There are several restaurants nearby where students and visiting families can enjoy a meal. Some options include:

- **Alfredo's*:** A popular Mexican restaurant known for its fresh, made-to-order dishes and flavorful offerings. And they accept Eagle Bucks!
- **Jo's Famous Pizza*:** Known for its delicious pizza and welcoming atmosphere, Jo's offers a variety of specialty pizzas and other Italian dishes.
- **Cafe 501:** A trendy spot with a diverse menu, including sandwiches, salads and wood-fired pizzas.
- **Othello's Italian Restaurant:** A local favorite offering classic Italian dishes and a cozy ambiance.
- **Dave's Hot Chicken*:** Known for its spicy chicken tenders and sliders, Dave's offers a range of spice levels and flavorful sides in a casual setting.
- **Fuzzy's Taco Shop*:** A popular choice for Tex-Mex cuisine, with a laid-back atmosphere and affordable prices.

***Alumni-Owned and/or Operated**

Transportation — OC is conveniently located with access to various transportation options for students and visitors:

- **Airports:** The nearest major airport is Will Rogers World Airport (OKC), located about 20 miles southwest of the university. It serves domestic and some international flights, offering convenient travel options for students and families.
- **Trains:** OKC has an Amtrak station served by the Heartland Flyer route, which connects the city to Fort Worth, Texas. The station is located in downtown OKC, approximately 15 miles southwest of OC.
- **Public Transportation:** Embark (formerly known as METRO Transit) operates the public transportation system in the OKC area.
- **Edmond's Citylink:** This bus service offers free, convenient transportation around Edmond with stops near our campus. Easily access local attractions and shopping centers.
- **Ride-Sharing Services:** Ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft are widely available in the area, offering students and visitors convenient transportation options.
- **Car Rentals:** Car rental services are available at Will Rogers World Airport and around the city, providing a flexible option for getting around.

Hospitals/Clinics — Students and visiting family members can access several nearby hospitals and clinics for medical care. Some options include:

- **Integris Health Edmond:** Located a short drive from the university, Integris Health Edmond offers a full range of medical services, including emergency care.
- **OU Health Edmond Medical Center:** This hospital provides a variety of medical services, including urgent care, emergency services and specialty care.
- **SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital:** Located in OKC, this hospital offers emergency care, as well as a wide range of medical specialties.
- **Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City:** Also located in OKC, this hospital provides emergency services and various other medical specialties.
- **Immediate Care Urgent Care Clinics:** These clinics have multiple locations around the Edmond and OKC area and offer walk-in medical care for nonemergency issues.
- **CareFirst Urgent Care:** Located in Edmond, CareFirst offers walk-in care for minor injuries and illnesses.



WHEN THEY COME HOME

As your student sets out on their college journey, get ready to witness an amazing transformation — a blossoming of their independence, intellect and faith. It's a time filled with excitement (and maybe a little worry), but it's also a chance to deepen your bond with them.

Remember, your student isn't the same person who left for college. They've been making their own decisions, facing challenges and growing stronger along the way. Just like in the Bible when children grow and learn, they become wiser and more capable. And as parents, our role shifts too. We move from being the ones in charge to being partners, offering guidance and support as they navigate this new chapter of life.

HONORING THEIR INDEPENDENCE

Embrace your student's desire for independence, understanding it's a natural part of their growth. Allow them to make their own decisions, even if you don't always agree. Encourage them to learn from their mistakes, recognizing that failure is a steppingstone to success.

Respect their privacy and avoid imposing your expectations upon them. Instead, engage in open and honest conversations, listening attentively to their thoughts and concerns.

CELEBRATING THEIR GROWTH

Acknowledge and celebrate your student's personal and academic achievements. Express your pride in their accomplishments, recognizing the hard work and dedication that led to their success.

Encourage them to share their college experiences with you, both the triumphs and challenges. Listen with empathy and understanding, offering words of encouragement and support.



As a Kingdom University, OC instills in its students a deep commitment to faith and service. As your student returns home, continue to nurture their spiritual growth by creating a supportive environment that encourages their belief in God.

Engage in discussions about faith and values. Share your own experiences and insights. Encourage them to participate in spiritual activities, such as church attendance, Bible studies or volunteering in the community.

Remember, your role as a parent is not just about providing a home and education; it's also about shaping your child's character and guiding them toward a life of purpose and fulfillment. As you partner with your student during this transition, you'll not only strengthen your bond but also contribute to their growth as a Christ-centered individual.

- Admissions 405.425.5050
- Alumni 405.425.5110
- Athletics 405.425.5350
- Bookstore 405.425.5260
- The Brew Coffee Shop 405.425.5911
- Campus Police 405.425.5500
- Career Services 405.425.5960
- Concurrent Enrollment 405.425.5809
- Counseling Center 405.425.5250
- Financial Aid 405.425.5190
- Fitness Center 405.425.5640
- Housing 405.425.5930
- International Student Records 405.425.5475
- OC Mail Center 405.425.5270
- Mercy Health Center 405.425.6100
- Physical Plant 405.425.5285
- Registrar 405.425.5200
- Residence Life 405.425.5930
- Spiritual Life 405.425.5928
- Student Success 405.425.5907
- Student Employment 405.425.5166
- Student Life 405.425.5900
- Support Central 405.425.5555

2024-25 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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| AUG. 13-16 | BUSINESS BOOTCAMP |
| AUG. 17 | HOUSING OPENS |
| AUG. 18-24 | EARN YOUR WINGS |
| AUG. 25 | FALL SEMESTER BEGINS |
| SEPT. 2 | LABOR DAY (NO CLASSES) |
| SEPT. 27 | FRESHMAN FANFARE |
| SEPT. 27-28 | FAMILY WEEKEND |
| OCT. 17-18 | FALL BREAK |
| NOV. 1-2 | HOMECOMING |
| NOV. 27-29 | THANKSGIVING BREAK |
| DEC. 3 | LIGHTING OF THE COMMONS |
| DEC. 5 | COCOA & CAROLS |
| DEC. 9-12 | FINALS WEEK |
| DEC. 13 | GRADUATION |
| DEC. 14-JAN. 10 | WINTER BREAK |
| JAN. 11 | HOUSING OPENS |
| JAN. 12 | SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS |
| JAN. 20 | MLK (NO CLASSES) |
| MARCH 7-8 | SPRING SING |
| MARCH 17-21 | SPRING BREAK |
| APRIL 28-MAY 1 | FINALS WEEK |
| MAY 2 | GRADUATION |
| MAY 3 | HOUSING CLOSES |

FAMILY WEEKEND

Don't forget to plan for Family Weekend at Oklahoma Christian University on Sept. 27-28! Visit your student on campus, attend events and experience OC life together. Mark your calendars and join us for a memorable weekend of fun and connection!

LEARN
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97%
ADMITTANCE TO OC

89%
GRADUATES EMPLOYED
OR IN GRAD SCHOOL

GET TO KNOW YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL:

School Team Name - Eagles
School Colors - Maroon & Gray
Athletic Mascot - Ike
President - Dr. L. Ken Jones

3.1
AVERAGE
FRESHMAN GPA

3.0
AVERAGE
TRANSFER GPA

2,750+
STUDENTS CALL OC
HOME FROM ...

44
STATES



59
COUNTRIES

70%
OF OC STUDENTS LIVE
ON CAMPUS

60+
STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS

16:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY
RATIO

CHAMPIONSHIP CULTURE:
550 Student Athletes
9 Team National Championships
50+ Individual National Champions

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