

**A vibrant
liberal arts college
experience in the
heart of Los Angeles,
one of the most
stimulating and
creative cities
in the world.
That's something
you won't find
anywhere else.**

OXY Occidental College

“Oxy’s liberal arts approach allowed me to take classes I might not have otherwise considered and to learn in new and different ways. Every class, across every discipline, emphasizes the importance of critical thinking.”

Ahladini Veerina

Politics and Sociology double major
Los Altos Hills, California





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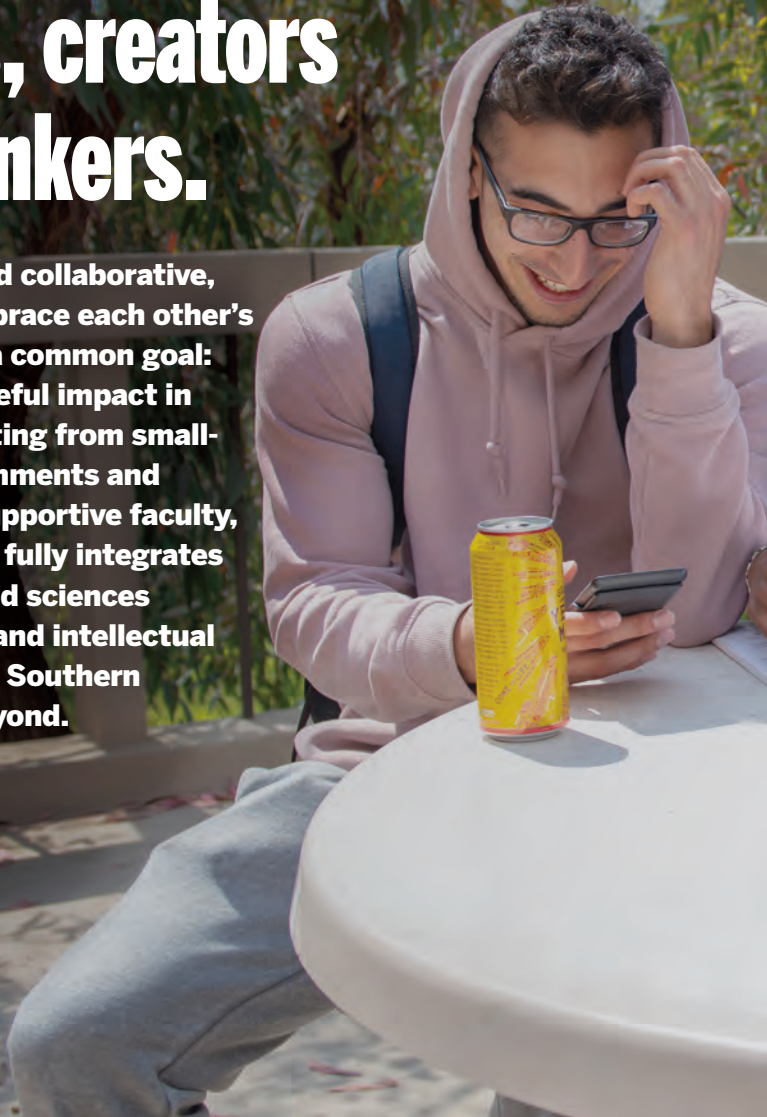
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What can you do with a liberal arts degree? There's no limit to the possibilities.

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Occidental College is redefining the liberal arts and sciences for future generations of problem solvers, creators and thinkers.

Conscientious and collaborative, Oxy students embrace each other's differences with a common goal: to make a purposeful impact in the world. Benefiting from small-classroom environments and demanding yet supportive faculty, an Oxy education fully integrates the liberal arts and sciences with the cultural and intellectual resources of L.A., Southern California and beyond.





On Location

292

Sunny or partly sunny days a year

40

For over 40 years the student-run Bengal Bus has provided a free service to students, embarking on special weekly trips to beaches and museums, run local errands and shuttle students to and from the airport

100

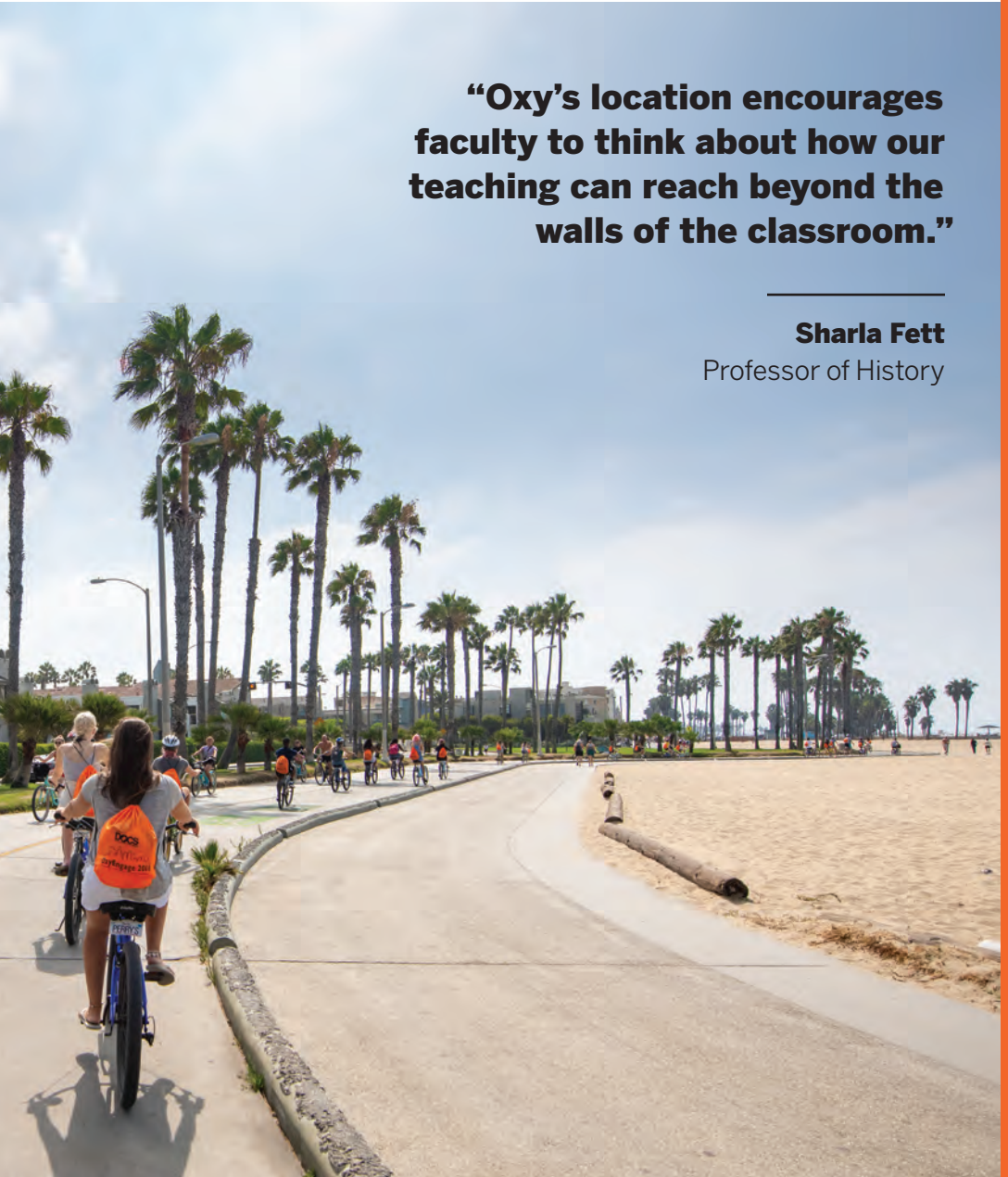
Oxy's marine biology students spend up to 100 days a year on one of the College's four research vessels



“Oxy’s location encourages faculty to think about how our teaching can reach beyond the walls of the classroom.”

Sharla Fett

Professor of History



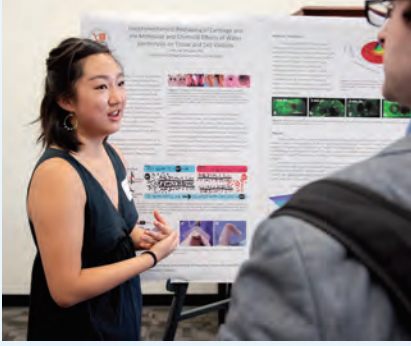
Liberal Arts in L.A.

LYNN HE
Chemistry major
Art History minor
Superior, Colorado

Lynn He can't begin to estimate how her liberal arts education transformed her life. "Exploring departments and experiences that I didn't initially identify with or expect to encounter has created so much richness in my education," says Lynn, who won a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Sichuan University in China following her time at Oxy.

Lynn and fellow participants in the Andrew W. Mellon Opportunity for Diversity in Conservation at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.





HER LABORATORY FAMILY

After taking a general chemistry class with Professor Mike Hill, Lynn spent the following summer working in his lab researching non-invasive alternatives to cartilage surgery using electrochemistry. “His mentorship made me want to be a chemistry major,” she says. “The students in the lab were so close. It was almost a familial bond.”

ART HISTORY IN ITALY

A course in the “preservation landscape” of Rome and Florence opened Lynn’s eyes to the field of art conservation science — a perfect marriage of her background in materials science and growing passion for art history.

DELVING DEEPER

A two-week summer program at the prestigious Getty Conservation Labs in Los Angeles included conservation workshops, field trips and meetings with collections managers and curators.

We Love L.A.



69°

Average high temperature in February



225

Languages spoken



88

Hiking trails spanning three mountain ranges



18

Miles from Occidental to Venice Beach, as the gull flies (or 22 miles by car)

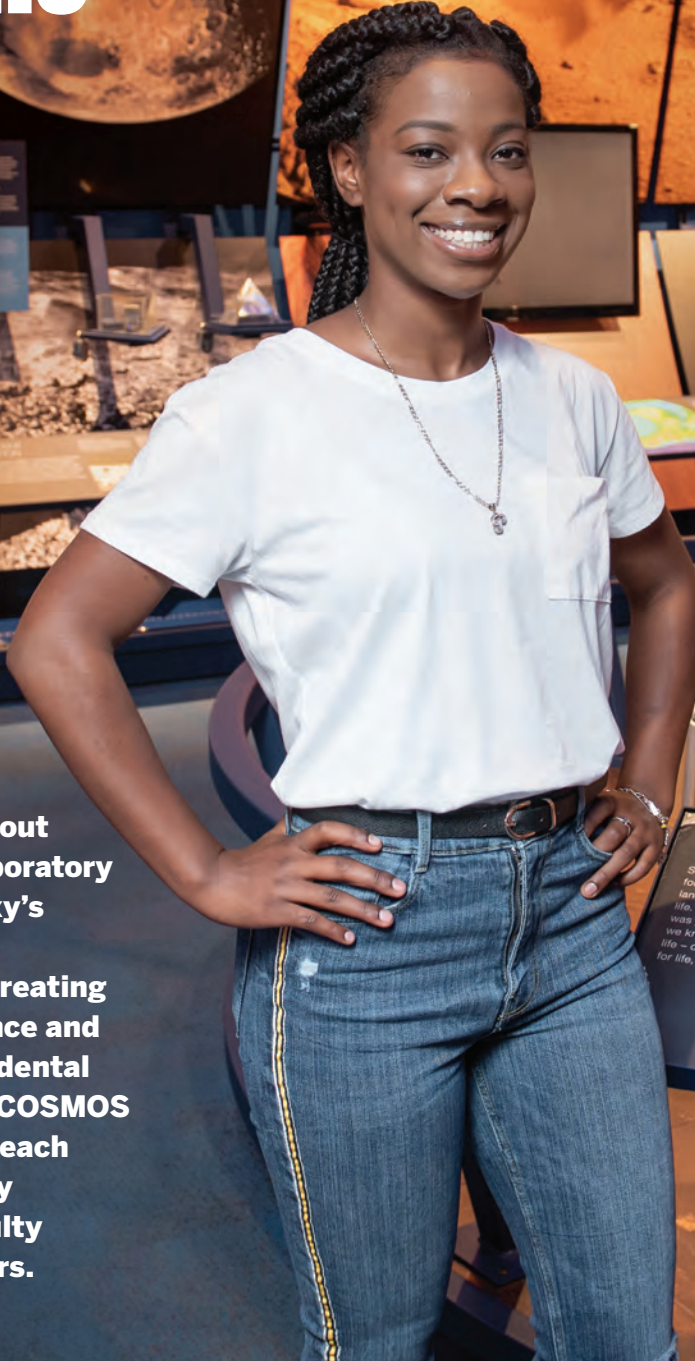
FUN FACT

As if! The Oxy campus was used as Beverly Hills’ fictional Bronson Alcott High School in *Clueless* — the classic 1995 comedy based on Jane Austen’s *Emma*.

Expand Your Horizons

TRE'SHUNDA JAMES
Physics major
Houston, Texas

Tre'Shunda learned about the Jet Propulsion Laboratory internship through Oxy's COSMOS scholarship program — short for Creating Opportunities in Science and Mathematics for Occidental Students. Up to eight COSMOS scholars are selected each spring and are actively mentored by Oxy faculty and their student peers.



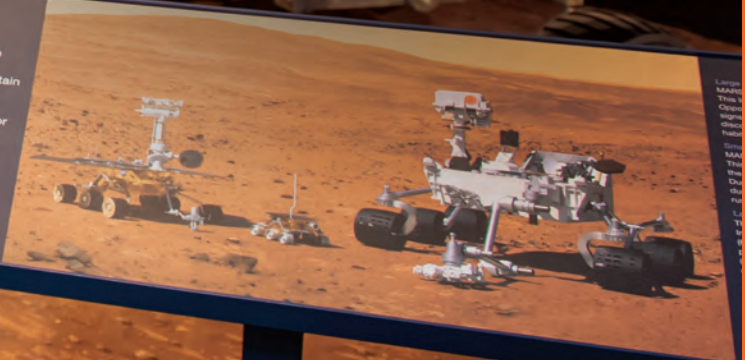
Oxy students enjoy opportunities for undergraduate research that rival those of many graduate programs, with L.A.'s intellectual ecosystem in their backyard. In addition to participating in Oxy's Summer Research Program through the Undergraduate Research Center, Tre'Shunda spent three semesters learning alongside scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab — just a 15-minute drive from campus.

As a participant in JPL's Student Independent Research Internship program, "My project looked at ways we can characterize exoplanets — planets outside of our solar system," she explains. Using a theoretical model developed by her mentor, a renowned nuclear physicist, to look for biosignatures — or signs of life — the two published a paper to the scientific community online.

Now she's working toward a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Texas at Arlington, with the hopes of pursuing a career in planetary science. Having launched her career at Oxy, the sky's the limit for Tre'Shunda.

EXPLORING MARS

Scientists want to know if Mars was ever a home for small life forms called microbes. Engineers build robots like orbiters, rovers, and rovers to look for habitats — places that could sustain life. One clue they are searching for is a sign that liquid water was present for long periods of time. Water is the key to life as we know it. Another clue is any sign of the chemicals needed for life called "organics." If Mars robots find possible habitats needed for future missions may go to look for life itself.



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Mars
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Habit
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Building Community

TYE HERNANDEZ

Politics major

Economics minor

Urban & Environmental Policy minor

Brea, California

Tye worked on the reelection campaign for Gil Cisneros, who represented California's 39th Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives, and did an internship in the L.A. office of U.S. Representative Adam Schiff.



FORGING A FUTURE

Tye hopes to continue working on issues such as affordable housing, homelessness and urban sustainability. This is where his minors in Economics and Urban and Environmental Policy come in, complementing his major and preparing him to pursue a master's degree in urban planning.

PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

Taking a politics class his first year, Tye was immediately intrigued with the many ways politics intersects with the daily life of so many people. The high stakes of the 2020 election made it hard not to not jump from the classroom to getting involved in Cisneros' campaign. "I was able to put the theories I learned in class into practice in the real world."

STRIKING A BALANCE

As a member of the men's soccer team, Tye quickly developed friendships with teammates whom he could sit with in the Marketplace, ask for help on homework and have a strong sense of family. Also a member of the track and field team, he's grateful that he can compete in two sports at Oxy while still putting academics first.



Spaces and Places

Downtown Los Angeles

Santa Monica Pier

23 miles from Oxy



13

14

15

16

12



8

10



3



9



2

1

Hiking and Skiing
San Gabriel Mountains



Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

25 miles from Oxy

Spaces at Oxy

1. **Solar Array**
2. **Keck Theater**
3. **Hameetman
Center Center**
4. **Athletics**
5. **Thorne Hall**
6. **FEAST Garden**
7. **Hillside Theater**
8. **Oxy Arts**

Places of Interest

9. **York Boulevard
Highland Park**
A vibrant mix of old and new, "L.A.'s Coolest Street" is teeming with eclectic eateries, art galleries and vintage shops — all just a short walk from campus.
10. **Highland Park
Metro Station**
2.5 miles from Oxy.
11. **Hollywood Burbank
Airport (BUR)**
13 miles from Oxy.
12. **Disneyland**
34 miles from Oxy.
13. **Dodger Stadium**
5 miles from Oxy.
14. **Museum of
Contemporary
Art (MOCA)**
7 miles from Oxy.
15. **Griffith Park**
8 miles from Oxy.
The city's largest urban park offers dozens of hiking trails, the L.A. Zoo and the world-famous Griffith Observatory.
16. **Hollywood**
9 miles from Oxy.
17. **Colorado Boulevard
Eagle Rock**
A mile away from campus, you'll find an array of restaurants, accommodations, coffee houses and shopping (including an Oxy student staple: Target).

Old Town Pasadena and Caltech
5 miles from campus from Oxy

Academic Community

110

Students participate in Oxy's annual Summer Research Program

18

Average class size

16

For 16 consecutive years Occidental has been one of the country's top producers of student Fulbright Awards, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* annual Fulbright rankings.



“Expect to be challenged, be humble, and embrace difficult topics and areas of study. You never know what might inspire your imagination and how a class or event on campus could change your future!”

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa

Associate Professor of Religious Studies



Academics at a Glance

Occidental offers a transformational liberal arts education with a distinct approach that is anchored by our exceptional faculty and the resources of one of the world’s great urban centers. Our rigorous curriculum produces graduates who are well-equipped to address society’s biggest challenges — globally minded thinkers who draw from multiple disciplines to work toward solving complex problems.

AREAS OF STUDY

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| American Studies | Independent Pattern of Study |
| Art and Art History | Interdisciplinary Writing* |
| Biochemistry | Japanese Studies |
| Biology | Kinesiology |
| Black Studies | Latino/a and Latin American Studies |
| Chemistry | Linguistics* |
| Chinese Studies | Marine Biology** |
| Classical Studies* | Mathematics |
| Cognitive Science | Media Arts and Culture |
| Comparative Studies in Literature and Culture | Music |
| Computer Science | Neuroscience* |
| Critical Theory and Social Justice | Philosophy |
| Diplomacy and World Affairs | Physics |
| East Asian Studies | Politics |
| Economics | Psychology |
| Education* | Public Health* |
| English | Religious Studies |
| Environmental Science** | Russian Studies* |
| Food Studies* | Sociology |
| French Studies | Spanish Studies |
| Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies* | Theater & Performance Studies |
| Geology | Urban and Environmental Policy |
| German Studies* | |
| Group Language | |
| History | |

*Minor only / **Concentration

SENIOR COMPS

The senior comprehensive is a signature component of the Occidental experience — a deep dive into a subject of your choosing. Senior comps may entail fieldwork, exams, presentations, creative media or a capstone research paper.



A U.S. News & World Report survey included Oxy among the top 12 institutions “with stellar examples of senior capstones.”

Finding Your Way

CITLALY MADRID
Latino/a and Latin American
Studies major | Education minor
Pomona, California

First-generation college student Citlaly Madrid came to Oxy expecting to follow a premed track. But the liberal arts unlocked a love for Latin American history and the field of education. She spent a semester abroad in Santiago, Chile, and a two-week side trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina, inspired her senior comps research on women-led political movements in Argentina and Guatemala.

Through Oxy's InternLA program, Citlaly worked for Children Mending Hearts, an organization that teaches empathy through the arts. Working closely with the executive director, she created lesson plans for educators and assisted with children's art classes at a local YMCA. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master's program in counseling and work as a high school college counselor in low-income communities. College was hard "especially in the beginning, navigating my classes and learning to be more independent from my family," Citlaly says. "But I have definitely grown a lot at Oxy."

Intimate
Scale,
Infinite
Scope

45

Majors and minors
(including an
option for a self-
designated course
of study)

9:1

Student:
Faculty ratio

0

Classes with 50
or more students



Distinctive Programs

Undergraduate research, global engagement and close mentoring relationships with faculty epitomize the academic experience. Take advantage of one-of-a-kind Oxy offerings such as Campaign Semester and the U.N. program.



Getting Out the Vote

Every two years at Oxy, “Campaign Semester is this awesome opportunity to become involved in the process that you study in the classroom,” explains Madeline Scholtz, a Politics major from Denver. “For 10 weeks, you get a chance to completely immerse yourself in campaign life. After the election, you get to reflect on your experience and analyze the results of the elections all across the country. You get both the real-world experience out in the field and the academic component back on campus.”

Madeline Scholtz, *left*, and Koyote Fee canvass a neighborhood in Apple Valley, Minnesota, for U.S. Senator Tina Smith.



MALCOLM SOWAH
Diplomacy and World Affairs major
New York City

As a junior transfer at Occidental, Malcolm Sowah jumped into the Kahane Oxy-at-the-U.N. program, which offers students the opportunity to live in New York City and do hands-on work with agencies or diplomatic missions. Malcolm spent a semester interning at the United Kingdom mission, “which is quite unthinkable for an undergraduate,” he says. He has also been active in both the African Students Association and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship on campus, and a club liaison as part of the student-run Diversity and Equity Board. “Occidental has enabled me to become more confident in myself,” says Malcolm, who hails from Ghana and hopes to work for an NGO on development issues in Africa. “That’s quite relevant in the world we live in — to be able to learn new things and take on new challenges.”

150


Students study off-campus during a typical academic year

16

Students are chosen for Oxy’s U.N. internship program each fall — the only undergraduate program of its kind

Global Explorations

Looking for perspective, experience and skills to become a leader in an interconnected world? More than 40 percent of all Oxy students study abroad for a full semester, typically during their junior year. With international partners on six continents, Oxy offers multiple routes to global leadership. Our extensive study abroad and research programs foster intensive cross-cultural learning and collaboration through language and cultural immersion, independent fieldwork and community-based learning projects. Get your passport ready to become a “Global Tiger!”



IAN VAN DUSEN
Geology major
Olympia, Washington

Ian has found it “surprisingly easy” to get his hands dirty studying ecosystem and climate change: He’s taken two Oxy-funded research trips to Iceland alongside Assistant Professor of Geology Darren Larsen. Digging around the clock for 10 days, the team sampled mud from an ancient lake that covered the last 12,000 years of time.

HANNAH HOEFS
Marine Biology major
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Joining the Vantuna Research Group — Oxy's marine lab — prompted Hannah to start earning her diving certifications. She has studied five key species of macroinvertebrates that live in the rocky reefs and kelp forests of Southern California. She also surveyed coral reef growth and recovery in Jamaica with Assistant Professor of Biology Amber Stubler.

NATALIA GUERRA
Critical Theory and
Social Justice major
Chicago

Natalia has explored social justice dimensions in both the Netherlands and Mexico, making the most of Oxy's opportunities to learn about the world in an active, global context. She joined Associate Professor of History Alexandra Puerto in Chiapas for an interdisciplinary research project exploring autonomous education in indigenous communities, work that was rooted in archival research and oral history.

Study Abroad Locations

THE AMERICAS

Argentina
 Bolivia
 Chile
 Costa Rica
 Dominican Republic
 Ecuador
 Mexico
 Peru

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

Botswana
 Cameroon
 Ghana
 Jordan
 Morocco
 Senegal
 South Africa
 Tunisia
 Uganda

ASIA/OCEANIA

Australia
 China
 India
 Indonesia
 Japan
 Malaysia
 Nepal
 New Zealand
 Samoa
 South Korea
 Taiwan
 Vietnam

EUROPE

Austria
 Czech Republic
 France
 Germany
 Italy
 Serbia
 Spain
 United Kingdom

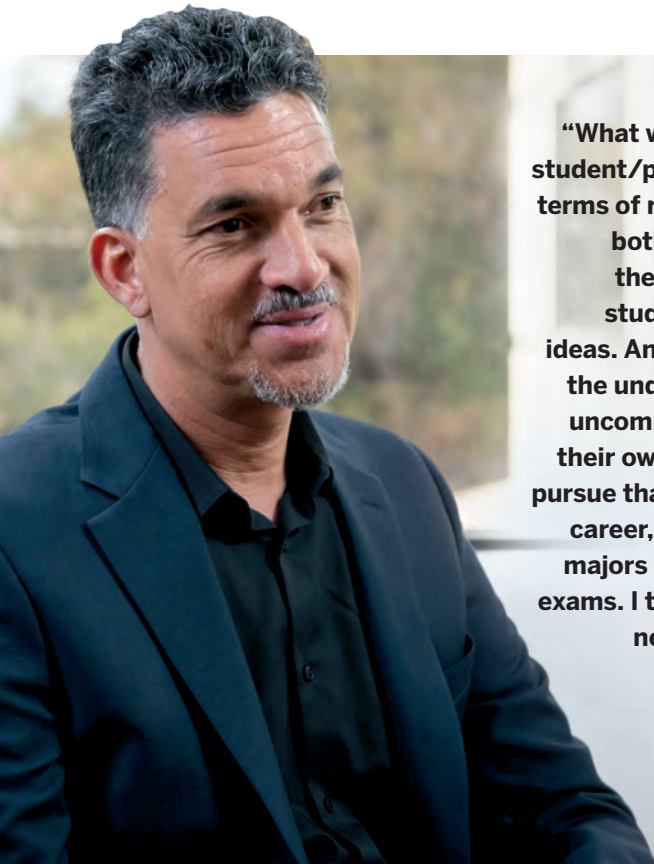
Why I Teach

Oxy's faculty come from all over the map, both geographically and by discipline. Our faculty are committed teachers, dedicated mentors and engaged scholars. Our 9:1 student/faculty ratio means that students get to know professors well during their time here, in many cases engaging in graduate-level research and creative endeavors. Faculty members serve as academic advisers, career mentors and lunch companions.



NO EASY A'S

Barack Obama '83 fondly remembers his undergraduate days at Oxy (he spent two years at the College)— even if his favorite professor, Roger Boesche, gave him a B in his political theory course. (The two reunited at the White House in 2009.)



“What we really do is we foster a student/professor collaboration in terms of research and scholarship, both in the classroom and in the laboratory. And it allows students to pursue their own ideas. And I think this is unique at the undergraduate level. It's not uncommon for a student to find their own research question, and pursue that from very early in their career, all the way through their majors and their comprehensive exams. I tell all my students: You'll never be a number at Oxy.”

Kerry Thompson
Professor of Biology



“Having been a first-generation college student myself, the mentorship I received from my professors was pivotal to my academic and personal development. When I first visited Oxy as a professor, one of the first things that made me feel connected to the values of the campus was the importance that was placed on mentorship.”

Patricia Cabral

Assistant Professor of Psychology



Media Arts and Culture Professor **Brody Fox** advises **Brendan Galbreath**, a Media Arts and Culture major from Sacramento, California.



Cheyenne Orozco and Assistant Professor **Raul Navarro** work together in a Norris Hall Chemistry Department lab during Oxy's Undergraduate Research Center's Summer Research Program.



Professor **Amy Lyford** meets with **Isabel Nortsen**, an Art and Art History major from Minneapolis, at a coffee shop near campus to discuss Isabel's research project.

Student Experiences

100+

**Clubs and organizations
for students to choose
from**

20

**NCAA Division III
varsity sports**

5

**Niche.com ranks
Oxy number 5 for
best college food in
California**



“Oxy students are utterly idiosyncratic. They have this crazy constellation of interests and abilities — like a student who plays the violin, majors in biology and saves the world through baking challah bread. There’s no making this up.”

Clair Morrissey
Associate Professor of Philosophy



At the annual Involvement Fair, student-club Azucar, a Latinx cultural dance group centered in street style salsa, bachata, reggaeton and merengue, performs on the Academic Quad.

My Oxy Experience

“Occidental has taught me to think both critically and unconventionally to create ethically based solutions. This kind of thinking will allow me to successfully pursue a career in marketing, despite the obstacles that may come my way.”

ANDREA DEVRIES
French Studies and
Media Arts and Culture
double major
Medford, Oregon

THE CLASS THAT CHANGED ME

“Transnational Cinemas: Borders, Walls, Difference was one of the most eye-opening courses I have taken. Throughout the course we grappled with topics stemming from transnationality and worked to dissect the ways in which we perceive the term ‘borders.’ This class challenged me and encouraged a deep level of self-reflexivity.”

MY STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

“My study abroad experience — a fully immersive Media Theory program in Paris — was incredible and challenging. I was consistently pushed out of my comfort zone and grew more tenacious and independent. I had the opportunity to learn about media through an international lens, which paved a path for both a Global Crossroads Young Student Grant project and my senior comp in French Studies. I still keep in contact with my host mom and friends in Paris!”

WHAT I’LL MISS THE MOST AFTER OXY

“The energy in the classroom. My classes were very collaborative. Students pushed each other to think critically while still leaving space to engage with one another in a respectful way. I hope to bring this energy into my future endeavors.”



My Room



Julia d'Amours majored in Diplomacy and World Affairs at Oxy and is now attending law school at the George Washington University. Here's a glimpse inside her world from her room in Berkus Hall.

- 1** Julia interned in NYC with the Guatemala mission through Oxy's U.N. Program.
- 2** Julia traveled to Santiago, Chile, as a Young Initiative Grant recipient.
- 3** Neighboring Highland Park is an audiophile's dream, with some of the nation's premier vinyl record stores.
- 4** Julia co-hosted a weekly show as a DJ for radio station KOXY.
- 5** "La blouse romaine," painted in 1940 by Henri Matisse. L.A. is home to a number of world-class art museums and galleries.



First-Year Living Options and Amenities

BELL-YOUNG

Close to Hameetman Science Center and Library.

BRAUN

Close to Sycamore Glen and Anderson Environmental Science Center. Includes compost bins to encourage sustainability at Oxy.

CHILCOTT

Close to Weingart Hall and Campus Dining. Includes even more compost bins.

PAULEY MULTICULTURAL HALL

Home to MLK Lounge (which hosts numerous clubs and activities) and Lavender Lounge (a space for students who identify as LGBTQIA+). Close to Sycamore Glen, HSC and Library.

STEWART-CLELAND (“STEWIE”)

Large patio with a great view of Los Angeles. Close to Hameetman Science Center and Library.

EVERY OXY ROOM INCLUDES:



BED



DESK + CHAIR



DRESSER



CLOSET



MICROWAVE



**MINI
FRIDGE**



WI-FI

Student Involvement

DIEGO ZAPATA
Biology major with
an Environmental
Science concentration
Los Angeles

“A blooming biologist from an early age,” Diego Zapata spent many hours exploring the ecosystems among the bluffs of the nearby Arroyo Seco: “I saw my neighborhood as an oasis with all these beautiful animals and plants.” Diego became Oxy’s first director of the **Food, Energy and Sustainability Team** (FEAST), which he expanded from a club to a student service with a mission of plurality, community and sustainability. The centerpiece is an organic garden, where produce is grown and chickens are raised by 13 dedicated students. FEAST has shown Diego that he can do biology but also organizational work. “I’ve learned a lot about gentrification and its impact on access to housing, green spaces for low-income individuals and other broader systemic processes. It has inspired me to work to change things for the better.”



Working closely with Gretchen North, the John W. McMenemy Endowed Chair in Biology, Diego researched the polyphagous shot hole borer, an invasive beetle that attacks many common native and landscape trees. After graduation, he is considering graduate studies, more community organizing work in Northeast L.A. or even running for City Council.

Know Your Oxy



SLICE

The Office of Student Leadership, Involvement & Community Engagement (SLICE) offers opportunities that center on identity construction, intercultural communication and community engagement; programming with purpose.



ICC

The Intercultural Community Center (ICC) is a student-centered space intended to spark dialogue, facilitate programming and enhance a sense of community at Oxy.



CULTURE OF CARE

Culture of Care is a College-wide support network that identifies and assists students who are struggling to cope with the challenges of college life. Oxy strives to be a community in which all faculty, staff and administrators work collectively to support our students.



DEB

Diversity and Equity Board (DEB) supports student- and faculty-led initiatives that foster a campus climate of inclusivity. This student-led branch of ASOC holds the College to its mission of diversity and equity.

The Student-Athlete Experience

ZANDER GRANATH

**Sociology major with an emphasis on Gender Studies
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Zander Granath was captain of his high school swim team, but he wasn't set on being a student-athlete at Oxy. When he walked on to the swimming and diving team as a first-year, "I was thinking, 'Maybe one year,'" says Zander, who grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. But he ended up loving the team culture and the novelty of swimming outside in winter. By his senior year, Zander was team captain and broke two school records as a member of the 800 and 200 free relay teams. For his senior comps project in sociology, he interviewed more than 20 gay men in Los Angeles in a study of queer and hyper-masculinity in online spaces. Zander ultimately hopes to work in social policy or foundations, using qualitative processes and data science to optimize social programs. With the discipline he honed at Oxy, he has a strong foundation to pursue his goals.

"It's really cool to be part of the athletics family, and I'm definitely a better student when I swim."



A Psychology major from Atascadero, California, **Sabrina Degnan** was among 30 semifinalists nationwide for the NCAA Woman of the Year award.



ATHLETICS

25%

**Students involved
in varsity athletics**

ALL IN FOR OXY

Occidental competes at the NCAA Division III level as a charter member of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC). Oxy's student-athletes participate in 20 intercollegiate sports (9 for men, 11 for women) and numerous club and intramural sports.

“Everyone has their greatest games but the moments I will miss the most is the feeling of playing with your friends.”

Nolan McCarthy

Baseball | Economics major
Portland, Oregon



Student Organizations at a Glance

DISCOVER YOUR PASSION

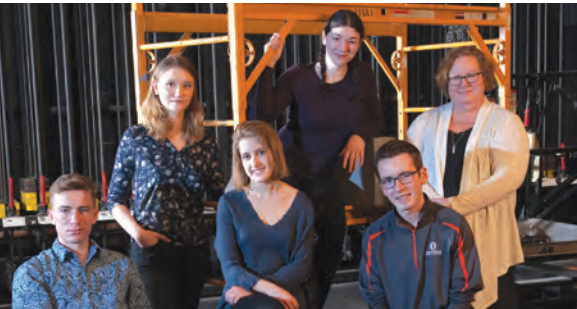
Whether you're a social activist with a few hours to spare, a dancer waiting to show the world your moves or a budding birdwatcher, there's something for you on campus. With more than 100 active student organizations on campus, you're bound to get inspired. But why stop at what you already are? Consider what you can become — and the beauty of Oxy is that if it doesn't exist yet, anyone can create something new.

15

Club & intramural sports

1906

Glee Club founded; it's Oxy's longest-running non-sports activity



► Each spring in Keck Theater, Oxy's **New Play Festival** brings working professionals (many of them alumni) in to work with student playwrights in staging their one-act plays. All students, regardless of their major, are encouraged to submit their original works.

► Tour guide **Jordan Walker** talks up Oxy to prospective families. An Economics major from Jamaica, New York, Jordan also participates in the Blyth Fund, a six-figure, student-managed investment portfolio.



TATIANA RAMOS-GALLARDO

Group Language major Ashland, Oregon

Tati Ramos-Gallardo moved from Mexico to Oregon with her mother when she was 5. She didn't speak any English at first and was regularly pulled out of her classrooms for ESL tutoring — an experience that left her feeling “different” and isolated from her peers. Those memories motivated her desire to empower others through communication.

While at Oxy, Tati co-founded **Comparte**, a student organization that offers English language workshops to local day laborers and College employees. “We are founded on a belief in popular education — we’re guided by what the workers need and want,” she says. Workshops place an emphasis on conversational skills that support imminent needs, such as negotiating wages and building job skills.

Now Tati is pursuing a career as a speech pathologist, focusing on children with communicative disorders. “I want to empower others to be able to communicate their needs,” she says, “because I know what it’s like to not be able to.”



► More than 200 Occidental College students, staff and alumni volunteer all over the Los Angeles area as part of **MLK Day of Service**, sponsored by Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Office for Religious and Spiritual Life; and Residential Education and Housing Services.

Careers

Oxy's Pre-Health Advising Program boasts an

89%

admission rate to medical schools in the 2021-22 admissions cycle.

3 in 4

students in the Class of 2020 held at least one internship while at Oxy

41

employer events in the 2020-21 school year

948

total career advising appointments in the 2020-21 school year



“I first visited the Career Center as a first-year. Little did I know that I was beginning a four-year relationship with a family of mentors who would guide me over the course of my college career.”

William Huang
Economics major
Westminster, California



Oxy's annual Career Fair is open to all students seeking full-time jobs, internships, fellowships and advanced degree programs. It's one of many events hosted by the College's Hameetman Career Center.

Community and Opportunity



KENDALL KITAHARA
Sociology major
Linguistics minor
Nashville, Tennessee

Starting out at a sprawling university, Kendall Kitahara quickly realized that she wasn't in the right space. She transferred to Oxy because of its small-school environment." "I have people that I can go to here," Kendall says "I even feel comfortable going to administrators, not just my peers. That was missing from my college experience."

A SMOOTH TRANSFER

"Transferring can be a very overwhelming experience, so it's comforting to know that there are people on campus who can empathize," says Kendall, who found a community of students she could relate to in Oxy's Transfer Student Union. Now president of the organization, she encourages her fellow students to voice their concerns to better optimize the transfer student experience.

INSPIRING FACULTY

Initially intimidated by the theory aspect of her Classical Sociological Theory course, it ended up being one of Kendall's favorite classes. Professor Dolores Trevizo taught the class. "She's a great professor and the material was so fascinating. I did not think that learning about Marx, Weber and Durkheim would apply to my everyday life, but I definitely see it in action. I even apply it to other classes in different subjects."

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Kendall wants to work in higher education administration or policy, and Oxy's open, friendly culture has made it easy for her to connect with faculty and professional staff who are doing what she wants to pursue. Together they can talk through her options regarding postgraduate studies and programs. Through her courses, extracurriculars and internship in Admission, "Oxy has allowed me to pinpoint what I am truly passionate about."

Pre-Med Perspective

BESHER ASHOURI
Cognitive Science major
San Dimas, California

Growing up in Syria, Beshar Ashouri was eager to attend medical school in the United States — but he had to go to college first. “Initially, this seemed like a burden, but soon I developed a great appreciation for American undergraduate education,” he says. “It made sense that I should grow as a person and widen my perspectives before trying to help others. I learned much that is applicable to medicine from every course, even art history.”

Professors in Oxy’s Cognitive Science Department and Oxy’s pre-health adviser helped prepare him for applying to med school, and now he’s a student at Stanford University School of Medicine. “Coming in I didn’t know about the plethora of services available to us as students,” he says. “The med school application cycle and the MCAT can be very time-consuming and stressful, but Oxy has the right resources to guide every student through the process.”



Alumni Excellence

Oxy encourages our students to see the world as an endless set of possibilities. Our faculty and curriculum prepare you to be a global citizen in the 21st century — someone who feels at ease crossing boundaries and borders, and approaches life's questions with a strong moral and ethical compass.

72%

were employed full-time

14%

were enrolled in graduate school immediately following Oxy (50% head to grad school within 5 years)

93%

of the Class of 2019 had secured a postgraduate opportunity within nine months after graduation



Bombas co-founder and CFO/COO **Andrew Heath '04**, who majored in Economics, talks to Oxy students about the success of his premium sock company. Since its founding in 2013, Bombas has sold over 40 million pairs of socks and given away 40 million more.

KIRA ELLIOT '19
Economics, Diplomacy & World Affairs
La Mesa, California

As a high school senior, Kira didn't have a strong sense of what she wanted to major in, let alone pursue as a career. But her liberal arts education allowed her to explore subjects she was interested in as well as others with which she was unfamiliar. "I always knew that I wanted to embark on a career that aligned with my interests and would challenge me, and the liberal arts education that Occidental offered me allowed me to figure out what that could look like."

Now Kira works as a manager in the economic litigation consulting industry — a field that she had never even heard of before, but one she finds both challenging and enjoyable. She credits the dedicated staff members at Oxy's Hameetman Career Center with helping her prepare for and ultimately land her first job three months before graduation. Her best advice for students? Take full advantage of the career center.



“The Career Center advisers are so passionate about what they do and will do everything in their power to help you succeed. They have so many incredible connections to Oxy alumni and friends around the world—the possibilities are endless.”

Careers at a Glance

It's never too soon to start thinking about life after Oxy. The College's Hameetman Career Center connects classroom learning to postgraduate opportunities. From individual career counseling to job-shadowing programs and internships, Oxy's expert advisers help clarify academic and professional goals and develop strategies to achieve them. By the time you graduate, you'll be ready for any challenge.

INTERNSHIPS

InternLA is a unique summer internship program that funds over 35 students to intern in Los Angeles-based organizations and companies in six broad sectors: business, policy, media, research, advocacy and the arts.

INTERNLA PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

Downtown Women's Center
NBC Universal Media
PIMCO
Salesforce
Warner Music Group

An Economics major from Cupertino, California, Phillip Wong served as a summer intern at the Data Science Federation — working with the Information Technology Agency for the city of Los Angeles — through InternLA.



Success Stories

A couple of jobs while at Oxy — working for an agent for commercial directors and an internship with a TV and film production company — led **Rachel Goldfinger**, a Media Arts and Culture major from Chicago, to a full-time gig as a development coordinator for a production house founded by indie filmmakers Mark and Jay Duplass in Highland Park. “Regardless of their major, Oxy encourages students to be malleable and diverse in interests,” says Rachel, who recently produced a fiction podcast with Mark Duplass titled *Lina’s Song*. “It arms you with this vocabulary to talk to people who may come from a different focus or industry. You just have to ask the right questions to learn.”

First-generation college graduate **Stephanie Angulo**, a Computer Science major from Sonoma, California, strives to promote inclusivity within the tech space. She created a tech blog to bring awareness of intersectional diversity issues in tech, in addition to giving 6,000 followers resources to different technology- and diversity-related programs and events. As a computer science major at Oxy, she’s now a software engineer at VSCO (the creative content channel with more than 20 active monthly users), working on the engagement team for iOS. Having interned with several tech industry giants — including Google, Facebook and Twitter — she says, “I just thought I would start off my career where I can make the most impact.”

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TOP 6 INDUSTRIES WHERE GRADS WORK

1. Banking and Investment
2. Technology
3. K-12/Higher Education
4. Research and Medicine
5. Legal Services
6. Nonprofit/NGO

“Make and remake the world and you will make and remake yourself without even trying. You’ve got this. And we’re counting on you.”

Diplomacy and World Affairs alumna
Sara El-Amine '07, national director
of training for President Obama's
2012 reelection campaign

A close-up photograph of a black graduation cap. The cap is decorated with numerous small, round, silver studs that are arranged in a pattern that becomes denser towards the bottom. The text "EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING" is printed in a bold, gold, sans-serif font across the top half of the cap. A black tassel cord is visible, attached to a black button in the center of the cap. The background is a blurred green field.

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