



MISSION

Occidental College, a private, coeducational college of the liberal arts and sciences, seeks to provide its students with a total educational experience of the highest quality—one that prepares them for leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent, and pluralistic world. The distinctive interdisciplinary and multicultural focus of the College’s academic program seeks to foster both the fulfillment of individual aspirations and a deeply rooted commitment to the public good.

STUDENTS

Total enrollment (Fall 2023)	1,938
Women	1,152 (59.4%)
Men	786 (40.6%)
Black or African-American	4%
Asian	13.3%
Hispanic or Latinx	17.2%
Two or more races	11.2%
White	47.9%
Race and ethnicity unknown	1.7%
International students	4.4%
Graduation rate	84.8% (6-year rate)
First-year retention rate	87%

Origins of students

- 49 states and territories
- 29 countries

Student and alumni honors (2022-23)

Fulbright Scholarships	5
NSF Graduate Fellowship	5
Goldwater Scholarships	2
Critical Language Scholarship	1
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships	1

Off-campus study (2022-23)

Study abroad (for credit)	123
Overseas projects (no credit)	67
U.S. off-campus study	17

Class of 2027

Number applied	6,573
Number entering	532
Median combined SAT score	1420
Median ACT score	33
First-generation college	14%

Financial aid (2022-23)

Receiving aid	77%
Average package	\$39,307
Annual and endowed scholarships	452
Pell Grant recipients	16%

Top majors

- Fall 2023 declared
Economics, Biology, Psychology,
Diplomacy & World Affairs, Media Arts &
Culture
- 2022-23 degrees earned:
Economics, Psychology, Diplomacy &
World Affairs, Biology, Computer Science



FACULTY (2022-23)

Full-time faculty	198
Full-time faculty of color	36.9%
Student-faculty ratio	9:1
Average class size	17

FINANCES

Annual budget	\$130,260,173
Endowment (as of 11/1/23)	\$604,348,634
Endowment per student	\$307,088
Tuition	\$62,850
Comprehensive charges (tuition, room, board, fees)	\$81,730

FUNDRAISING (2022-23)

New Commitments	\$20,849,579
The Oxy Fund	\$5,322,593

HISTORY

Founded in 1887, Occidental was one of the first liberal arts colleges in California and remains one of the small number of colleges nationwide focused strictly on undergraduate education. Its first Rhodes Scholar was named in 1907, and its Phi Beta Kappa chapter was established in 1926 – one of the first at a western liberal arts college. Although established by a group of Presbyterian ministers and laymen, the College has been non-sectarian since 1910. The Eagle Rock campus opened in 1914.

LOCATION

The College is located in the Eagle Rock section of Los Angeles, between downtown and Pasadena. It is one of the few liberal arts colleges in an urban setting, with courses, programs, and partnerships that encourage students to engage with Los Angeles' unmatched cultural, scientific, and social resources.

THE CAMPUS

Designed by noted architect Myron Hunt and landscaped by Beatrix Farrand, the heart of the 120-acre campus is the oak-studded Quadrangle and the College's original Beaux Arts academic buildings. Some 13 student-governed residence halls house 78 percent of the student body. The campus has been used as a Hollywood location since 1919 and featured in scores of films (including 2011 Best Picture nominee *The Kids Are All Right*), TV shows (including "NCIS" and "The Good Place"), and commercials.

CURRICULUM

Occidental's brand of the liberal arts and sciences produces students who can analyze and synthesize complex materials, develop and communicate new knowledge, take risks, tolerate ambiguity, and embrace difference. Students choose from 45 majors and minors. Each major culminates in a comprehensive examination or project. Course work is integrated with opportunities for independent study, original research, study in dozens of foreign countries, and participation in one of the country's few United Nations programs and the country's only Campaign Semester and Lawyering for Social Justice programs for undergraduates

FACULTY

Occidental's greatest strength is its superb, award-winning faculty. The relationship between teacher and student is at the heart of everything we do. Although Oxy's full-time faculty members regard teaching as their primary responsibility, all are actively engaged in research or creative work that informs their teaching. Occidental is a national leader among liberal arts colleges as measured by federal research awards. Some 37 percent of full-time faculty are people of color.

STUDENTS

Since 1990, Occidental students and alumni have won more than 290 major scholarships and fellowships, including Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright, CORO and Goldwater scholarships. Occidental is one of the country's top producers of Fulbright scholars and students who go on to receive Ph.D.s. Since 1980, more than 830 graduates have attended medical or dental school. Occidental is regularly ranked as one of the most diverse of the country's top liberal arts colleges.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Occidental's Undergraduate Research program, which embraces a wide array of disciplines, was the recipient of the Council on Undergraduate Research's 2019 Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments. Occidental students regularly publish their results in professional journals and present their work at scientific conferences. Over the past decade, more than 200 Occidental students have been invited to present their work at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Occidental is also one of the few undergraduate institutions that offers its students the opportunity to pursue fully-funded research overseas.

COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

Occidental's long history of community partnerships dates back to the mid-1960s, when the College opened its Community Literacy Center and one of the country's first Upward Bound programs. Today, half of Occidental's students participate in some kind of community project, most through the College's Center for Community Based Learning and Partnership for Community Engagement. These efforts include partnerships with elementary, middle, and high schools in northeast Los Angeles. Occidental was one of the first liberal arts colleges selected as community engagement institutions by the Carnegie Foundation.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

One of the founders of intercollegiate sports in Southern California, Occidental is part of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) at the NCAA Division III level. Students participate in 20 intercollegiate sports (9 for men, 11 for women) and numerous club and intramural sports. Arts programs include glee club, concert band, jazz ensemble, theater, dance, film, painting, drawing, printmaking, graphics, and sculpture. Students belong to more than 100 clubs and organizations.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

The Academic Commons and Information Technology Services provide work spaces, services, technologies, and materials that support the work of students and faculty in networked and increasingly digital learning environments. Partnering with other libraries, institutions, and organizations extends the reach of Information Resources far beyond the campus.

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