

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

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ACCREDITATION:

Occidental College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The College operates on a semester system. The calendar consists of a fall semester and a spring semester during the academic year. Students may also receive credit for independent study and internship work during the summer.

Prior to August 2005 there were summer sessions of varying lengths.

Prior to August 1994 there were three eleven-week terms with each term equivalent to a semester.

COURSE LEVEL:

Current:

1-85	first-year Cultural Studies Program (CSP)
100-299	lower division
300-499	upper division
500-599	graduate

First-year CSP courses are small seminars, each designed by a faculty member around a topic in their field of expertise, emphasizing discussion, critical analysis, and intensive instruction in writing.

Prior to August 1994 (the first three digits represent the course number; the fourth digit represents the section number):

1-49	basic or introductory level
50-99	intermediate level
100-199	advanced level
200-399	graduate level

CLASSIFICATION:

Frosh	0-31 semester units
Sophomore	32-63 semester units
Junior	64-95 semester units
Senior	96 or more semester units

RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

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AUTHENTICITY:

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NUMERIC GRADE POINT EQUIVALENTS:

A = 4.0	Excellent	C = 2.0	Satisfactory
A- = 3.7		C- = 1.7	
B+ = 3.3		D+ = 1.3	
B = 3.0	Good	D = 1.0	Barely Passing
B- = 2.7		F = 0.0	Failure
C+ = 2.3			

OTHER GRADES:

AUD	(Audit)	NR	(No Record)
CIP	(Course in Progress)	P	(Pass)
CR	(Credit)	PD	(Pass with Distinction)
DEF	(Deferred)	W	(Withdrawal)
INC	(Incomplete)	WP	(Withdraw Passing)
NC	(No Credit)	WF	(Withdraw Failing)

A grade of CR (Credit) is the equivalent of a C or better.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The College uses two criteria to establish the scholastic status of a student; that based on the 2.0 grade point average, and that based on the number of courses successfully completed with respect to the total number of courses taken (normal academic progress).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Completion of at least 128 semester units of credit.
- 2) Attainment of a 2.0 grade point average or better for all courses taken and in the major.
- 3) Satisfaction of a two-stage writing proficiency requirement.
- 4) Completion of general course requirements:
Core Program: (present) An eight-course sequence.
Core Program: (1997-2007) A nine-course sequence.
Cultural Studies Program: (1994-1996) A nine course sequence.
Core Program: (1982-1994) A ten-course sequence.
General Studies: (1974-1981) A six-course sequence.
- 5) Competence in a Foreign Language.
- 6) Completion of a major or Independent Pattern of Study.
- 7) Passage of a final comprehensive requirement during the senior year in the major subject or area of concentration.