

# SELF-GUIDED TOUR



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**OXY** Occidental  
College



## Welcome to Occidental College!

We're excited that you are visiting Oxy, and we want your experience to help you get to know our campus. With that in mind, we've created a self-guided tour to provide you with information about several aspects of the College. We hope you will enjoy reading about our rich heritage, intellectual community, academic programs and on- and off-campus opportunities as you walk around our beautiful campus.





At Occidental, you'll join a community of students ready to take charge and create new opportunities for collaboration and learning. Whether you want to play intramural sports or you're a dedicated volunteer or a fan of the arts—or perhaps a mix of all of these—there is something here for you. These are just a few of the areas on campus where you can start your exploration.

**The Rose Hills Foundation Student Activities Center** is home to many important office spaces on campus. There are over 120 student-run clubs and organizations on campus. These groups range from religious organizations and clubs and community-service organizations to purely fun clubs. Students can also participate in campus Greek life by joining one of our eight fraternities and sororities, one of which is gender-neutral.

Rooted in Oxy's commitment to community and service, the **Office of Community Engagement** aims to provide ways for all students, faculty, staff and administrators to develop relationships with the city of Los Angeles.

Oxy has a variety of service clubs that contribute to sustained community involvement throughout the school year. The OCE's major charge is sponsoring large-scale service events and projects, like our annual MLK Day of Service and alternative spring break experience.

**The Office of Student Life** operates Oxy's Bengal Bus shuttle service, providing transportation for students within eight miles of campus, on evenings and weekends, for free. There is even an app to request rides! Also, students can pick up discounted amusement park and movie tickets, rent movies, check out camping gear and much more at OSL.

A LITTLE MORE  
**ABOUT** OUR CAMPUS & OUR STUDENTS

**2,055**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED

**9:1** STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

**18** | **34**  
MEDIAN CLASS SIZE | majors including the option to design your own

## Insights From Our Tour Guides

Our tour guides share their own experiences and stories when leading groups through campus, giving visitors a chance to hear about the student experience and get to know our unique and accomplished students. We've asked a few tour guides to share their perspectives on the Oxy student experience with you.

*"I chose Oxy because I was able to visit through the Multicultural Visit Program. Seeing Oxy's commitment to making students of color feel welcome and wanted, complete with visits from administrators, students and faculty welcoming us to the campus, made me realize that there is truly a caring community at Occidental."*



JORDAN WALKER, JAMAICA, NEW YORK

**Through student clubs and campus resources, there are avenues of support and connectivity for all students.**

From campuswide activities like DancePro—the largest student club that culminates in one of the biggest performances of the year—to campus resources in the Center for Gender Equity (CGE) offering programming and advocacy for students, the Oxy community strives to be inclusive and welcoming.

**Students begin their academic journey with a common grounding in the liberal arts through the Core Program**, a distinctly interdisciplinary array of courses required of all students providing the intellectual foundation for Oxy's commitment to excellence, equity, service and community. The Core curriculum's focus on cultural and global literacy also requires that students take courses that touch on three different areas: global connections, regional focus and U.S. diversity. A critical part of the Oxy experience is the chance for students to engage in research, often at levels typically reserved for graduate students. Whether initiated by a student's curiosity or driven by faculty-led initiatives and expertise, Oxy students are encouraged to do research on campus, in Los Angeles and around the world.

*"I love my liberal arts education because I get to study what I love from incredible faculty alongside amazing peers, and I am learning to think critically about the world around me and apply it to my internships and career aspirations."*



NEAH BOIS, ALTA, UTAH

*"The best part about Oxy is living in this great city. On one Saturday, I went to Opening Day at Dodger Stadium, ate Korean barbecue in Koreatown, walked down the entire Hollywood Walk of Fame, took a bunch of photos at TCL Chinese Theatre, munched on doughnuts in Burbank and ended the night by enjoying the L.A. skyline from Oxy's very own Mount Fiji."*



MIKE MATSUURA, MILILANI, HAWAII

**Engaging with the city of Los Angeles is an important part of Occidental**, where our students are actively involved in addressing social justice issues and learning from community partners. Academics are uniquely enhanced too. Marine biology students assess the status of fish populations on a research vessel in the Pacific Ocean. Mathematics students spend time tutoring at a nearby high school to understand ways that mathematics affects the community. Economics students studying trade visit the Port of L.A. to understand policy implications. Oxy's curriculum connects what happens in the classroom with current issues in the community.

# OCCIDENTAL CAMPUS



**Academic Commons/  
Mary Norton Clapp Library**

**Academic Quad**

**Alumni Gym Fitness Center/  
Payton Jordan Athletic Center**

**Anderson Center for  
Environmental Sciences**

Anderson Field

Annenberg President's House

**AGC Administrative Center/  
Cannon Rotunda**

Bell Field

Bell-Young Hall

Berkus Hall

Berkus House

BioScience Building

**Booth Music and Speech Center  
/Bird Studio**

Braun Hall

Campus Safety

Chilcott Hall

Child Development Center

Choi Auditorium

**Choi Family Music  
Production Center**

**Collins House/Office of Admission**

Culley Athletic Facility

**DeMandel Aquatics Center**

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Emmons Wellness Center

Erdman Hall

Facilities Management

**FEAST Garden**

Fowler Hall

**Gilman Fountain**

**Haines Hall**

**Hameetman Career Center**

**Hameetman Science Center**

**Herrick Memorial Chapel and  
Interfaith Center**

Hinchliffe Hall

**Intercultural Community Center**

Johnson Hall /

McKinnon Global Forum

Johnson Student Center and

Freeman College Union

**Keck Theater**

**Kemp Stadium/Patterson Field/  
Henry Track**

**McKinnon Family Tennis Center/  
Robinson Family Terrace**

Mitchell Garden

Moore Lab of Zoology

Mullin Family Studio and Art Gallery

**Newcomb Hall**

**Norris Hall of Chemistry**

Norris Residence Hall (North)

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Norris Residence Hall (South)

**Oxy Arts**

Pauley Hall

Psychology Laboratory

**Remsen Bird Hillside Theater**

Rush Gymnasium

Samuelson Alumni Center

Samuelson Campus Pavilion/

Tiger Cooler

Soccer Fields

**Solar Array**

Spencer Field House

Stearns Hall

Stewart-Cleland Hall

**Swan Hall**

Sycamore Glen

**Thorne Hall**

Treehouse Building

Urban and Environmental

Policy Institute

Upward Bound

**Weingart Center  
for the Liberal Arts**

Wylie Hall

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## 19 COLLINS HOUSE



Your tour begins at Collins House, which is home to the Office of Admission. Prospective students and families check in here for information sessions and campus tours, as well as on-campus interviews. The Myron Hunt-designed building was originally built in 1922 as the President's House, and dedicated as the Dennis and Mollie Collins Admission House in 2002.

## 40 NEWCOMB HALL



As you walk down the hill toward Bird Road, you'll pass the upper-division residence halls, Newcomb Hall on your right and Erdman Hall on your left. The residential experience is a huge part of your college education, with students living on campus for the first three years, and many choosing to stay on campus their senior year as well.

## 62 WEINGART CENTER FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS



Weingart is home to the Critical Theory and Social Justice, Art, and Media Arts & Culture departments, as well as to one of two on-campus art galleries, both of which routinely showcase the work of students, faculty and alumni.

## 26 HAINES HALL



Continuing along the road, you'll pass another upper-division residence hall, Haines Hall, which accommodates students in single, double and triple rooms. President Barack Obama '83 lived in Haines during his first year at Occidental.

## 6 AGC ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER



As you reach the end of the sidewalk, you'll be facing AGC Administrative Center, home to a variety of administrative and student services offices including the Financial Aid Office, the Registrar's Office, Student Business Services and the President's Office.

## 27 HAMEETMAN CAREER CENTER



Head down the stairs and you'll see the Hameetman Career Center, which assists current students and alumni with opportunities including graduate school, employment, fellowships, pre-health advising, student-alumni networking, career panels and resume-writing and interview skill-training workshops.

## 32 JOHNSON HALL



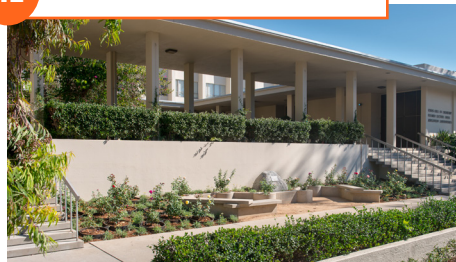
As you continue on, Johnson Hall will be on your left. Designed by Myron Hunt and opened in 1914 as one of the Eagle Rock campus' three original buildings, Johnson houses the McKinnon Center for Global Affairs, the International Programs Office, Choi Auditorium, the Varelas Innovation Lab and the departments of Diplomacy & World Affairs, Politics, Spanish & French Studies, East Asian Languages & Cultures, and Comparative Studies in Literature & Culture, as well as classrooms and seminar rooms.

## AQ ACADEMIC QUAD



The heart of architect Myron Hunt's 1911 master plan for our 120-acre campus—the Academic Quad—is lined with the College's original Beaux Arts buildings and the mid-century Herrick Chapel. The benches under the oaks are a favorite place to talk, study or go online (most of the campus is wireless).

## 41 NORRIS HALL OF CHEMISTRY



As you walk the length of the Quad, you'll see to the Kenneth T. Norris Hall, which is dedicated to the study of science at Occidental, housing chemistry laboratories, a lecture hall, the Chemistry Department, classrooms and other offices.



## 28 HAMEETMAN SCIENCE CENTER



Cross the small road ahead and on your right will be the Hameetman Science Center. Completed in 2003, this building houses the physics and geology departments. The 41,000-square-foot, three-story structure houses 23 research and teaching labs (including plasma physics and fluid dynamics), faculty offices and seminar rooms. The lobby contains a Foucault pendulum that demonstrates the Earth's rotation.

## 33 JOHNSON STUDENT CENTER AND FREEMAN COLLEGE UNION



Ahead and on your left will be the Johnson Student Center and Freeman College Union. This building is central to student life on campus, as it houses the Marketplace and Gresham Dining Hall, Green Bean Coffee Lounge, Bookstore, mailroom and Card Office, as well as several key student activities offices. Feel free to head inside and have a look around.

## 36 MCKINNON FAMILY TENNIS CENTER /ROBINSON FAMILY TERRACE



Tennis is among one of the oldest sports for both men and women at Occidental, with a century-old tradition of athletes who have competed on the national and international levels. The recent renovation and expansion of the McKinnon Family Tennis Center makes it one of the leading facilities in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

## 1 ACADEMIC COMMONS



Head back toward the Quad, and on your left you will see the Academic Commons. More than a library, the Academic Commons provides academic enrichment and support for members of the Occidental community. The space houses information resources, library services, a research advising center and academic support programs as well as hundreds of study cubbies, multiple student computer labs and creative spaces. Also part of the Academic Commons is the Center for Digital Liberal Arts, which offers drop-in support from subject and research advisers as part of Oxy's Peer-Learning Program. Student and faculty writing advisers are also available through the Writing Center to help students with their papers. These services are free and available to all students. Take a few moments to wander around the main level and sneak a peek at the Ahmanson Reading Room (through the hall on the left) and the current gallery.

## 29 HERRICK MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND INTERFAITH CENTER



Walking back up the opposite length of the Quad, you'll pass the Margaret Brown Herrick Memorial Chapel and Interfaith Center. It is available to the entire student body and community members and serves people of many faiths through worship, prayer, fellowship, counseling, weddings and presentations of religious art, music and drama. This building houses a 500-seat chapel, a large meeting room, smaller seminar and reading rooms and offices for the College's director of religious and spiritual life.

## GF GILMAN FOUNTAIN



The Lucille Y. Gilman Memorial Fountain is located at the Alumni Drive entrance to campus. The late George Baker '58, who taught sculpture at Oxy from 1964 to 1997, designed the kinetic fountain *Water Forms II*, which he built with his students in 1979. Trekkers might recognize the fountain from the film *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*, filmed at Occidental in 1983. The Gilman Fountain provided a backdrop for Spock's funeral on the planet Vulcan.

## 35 KEMP STADIUM/PATTERSON FIELD/HENRY TRACK



Near the edge of the Quad, you'll approach several athletic facilities. The stadium, field and track are used for athletics programs at Oxy. Built in 1916, Patterson Field is the oldest collegiate athletic stadium in the city of Los Angeles. Also located in this area are Rush Gym and athletic offices. Occidental's Athletics Department provides all-encompassing athletic programs and wellness activities ranging from intercollegiate and NCAA Division III competition to community fitness and wellness classes. The Tigers are a member of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (SCIAC) and compete at the varsity level in 21 sports, and at varying regional and national levels for eight club sports. While approximately 25% of our students participate at the varsity level, 50% of students participate in other athletics opportunities, including intramural sports ranging from 5-on-5 basketball to wiffle ball leagues.



## 56 SWAN HALL



On the corner of the Quad is Swan Hall, the third original campus building. It houses 40% of faculty offices, including the American Studies, English, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy, Cognitive Science and History departments. It also holds seminar rooms, meeting spaces and psychology and cognitive science labs.

## 33 THE MARKETPLACE



Located on the second floor of the Johnson Student Center, the Marketplace is the campus' primary dining facility, with a variety of food stations and a rotating menu that has received national recognition. All students who live on campus have a meal plan, which works like a debit system. The meal plan is linked to the student's campus ID and can be used at any of our four dining establishments: the Marketplace, the Green Bean Coffee Lounge, the Tiger Cooler (in Samuelson Pavilion) and the Coffee Cart in Berkus Hall. Students look forward to the themed meals and special holiday treats at the Marketplace. A favorite is the Thanksgiving Feast, held the Friday before students leave for Thanksgiving break. Campus dining is always responding to student requests and tastes, whether it's something as small as adding barbecue sauce to the condiments bar or something larger like the addition of a new make-your-own organic smoothie bar.

## 58 THORNE HALL



As you exit the Johnson Student Center and turn left, you walk toward Thorne Hall. Thorne Hall is Occidental's main auditorium and is used for some Oxy traditions such as Convocation, Dance Production and Apollo Night (Oxy's annual talent show), as well as for holding community events like *The Vagina Monologues*. Over the last 80 years, it has been host to such figures as Martin Luther King, Jr., Richard Nixon, singer Marian Anderson, author Amy Tan, the artist Christo and primatologist Jane Goodall.

## 12 BOOTH MUSIC AND SPEECH CENTER



To the right of Thorne Hall is the home of the music and education departments and the Dale Melbourne Herklotz Music Library. The music department hosts a weekly Music on a Friday Afternoon performance in Bird Studio, also located here. The music major curriculum at Occidental now also includes a music production emphasis, and there are myriad ways for music majors and non-majors alike to participate in ensembles, take lessons or be part of other performance opportunities.

## 31 INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTER



The Intercultural Community Center (ICC) is a student-centered space intended to spark dialogue, facilitate programming and enhance a sense of community at Oxy. The ICC serves as a central location that encourages learning and promotes advocacy related to social justice topics and serves as a home away from home for students from diverse backgrounds in an effort to bolster a sense of belonging.

## 21 DEMANDEL AQUATICS CENTER



The newly opened Ranier De Mandel Aquatics Center features a 25-yard by 34-meter pool with a diving well for swimming, diving and water polo competition. Taking advantage of Southern California's mild climate, the year-round outdoor pool provides 15 practice lanes and eight competitive lanes for swimmers; a 34-meter, all-deep-water venue for water polo; and a 13.3-foot-deep diving well with two 1-meter and two 3-meter diving boards for divers. All students have access to the attached recreational pool.

## 18 CHOI FAMILY MUSIC PRODUCTION CENTER



The state-of-the-art Choi Family Music Production Center houses a recording studio, control room, and music production and film scoring computer lab. The newly completed space was designed by Peter Grueneisen of nonzero architecture, who is responsible for some of the world's leading recording studios and sound stages, including Sony and DreamWorks.

## 44 OXY ARTS



Oxy Arts is the community-based arts hub of Occidental College. This public space brings together the campus community, the Northeast Los Angeles community and local and regional artists to share, connect and hold space for ideas and curiosity. Oxy Arts programs are intimately connected with Oxy's five academic arts departments: Art & Art History, Interdisciplinary Writing, Media Arts & Culture, Music, and Theater.



## 2 ALUMNI GYM FITNESS CENTER



Across the hall from the newly renovated offices and meeting rooms of the Payton Jordan Athletic Offices is Oxy's 1,600-square foot, state-of-the-art fitness center that's open to the entire student body. Here you'll find treadmills, elliptical machines, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, a full circuit of strength equipment, free weights and an adjacent dance studio. Students can also choose from a variety of physical activity classes including cardio, tennis, yoga, hip-hop, Zumba, circuit training, boot camp and spin.

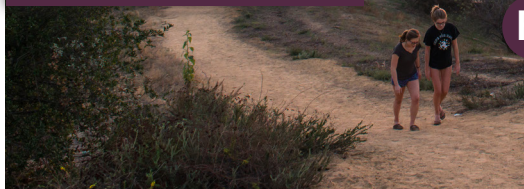
## 3 ANDERSON CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



The newly opened Anderson Center for Environmental Sciences provides enhanced teaching, research, and exhibition space, including the Moore Laboratory of Zoology, home to the world's largest Mexican bird collection, and the cutting-edge Fletcher Jones Foundation Genomics Center. The center provides a focal point for an exciting interdisciplinary program that extends across campus and takes full advantage of Oxy's unique location at the nexus of three distinctive ecosystems: the Pacific Ocean, the San Gabriel Mountains and the Mojave Desert.

## FIJI HILL

One of Oxy's most popular outdoor spots, Fiji Hill offers 360-degree views of Mount Washington to the south, the San Gabriel Mountains to the north and east, and a glimpse of the Pacific Ocean to the west. It is a moderate hike to the top—a short distance but steep incline.



## FG FEAST GARDEN



FEAST (Food, Energy and Sustainability Team) is a student-run initiative dedicated to enjoying, studying and discussing the connection between food and the environment. The organic garden is maintained by students and available for use by the campus community.

## 52 SOLAR ARRAY



Oxy's \$6.8-million, 1-megawatt ground-mounted solar array is one of the largest of its kind in Los Angeles. It generates approximately 12% of the College's annual electrical usage. Originally proposed by Physics Professor Daniel Snowden-Ifft, the solar array represents a collaboration between art faculty and a local design firm that created a curving design based on a mathematical expression known as a hysteresis loop (produced when an alternating magnetic field is applied to ferromagnetic material).

## 47 REMSEN BIRD HILLSIDE THEATER



Occidental College's outdoor amphitheater is used for the College's Commencement ceremony each spring. It is also used for the annual Spring Fest concert and other large-scale events.

## 34 KECK THEATER



A state-of-the-art, professional quality theater complex used by the Theater Department, this building is the first in the United States featuring adjustable Lambda platforms allowing various configurations for a total of 412 seats. Keck Theater features four professionally directed productions each year, and also hosts the New Play Festival, showcasing original student-written plays in which working directors and actors collaborate with student playwrights. Productions from recent seasons include *A Little Night Music*, *Machinal*, *Rhinoceros* and *Measure for Measure*.