Occidental College combines the liberal arts and sciences with the cultural and intellectual resources of Los Angeles to produce graduates who are problem solvers, strategic thinkers and effective communicators — ready to take on rapidly changing real-world challenges.

THE OXY APPROACH

Prepared for Success
Experience shows Oxy graduates are thriving across a range of jobs and industries. From startups to Fortune 500 firms, Oxy alumni are innovating in biotech, writing screenplays, managing billions in investments, conducting medical research, practicing law, inventing and marketing new products and writing code.

The Skills Students Need
Regardless of major, Oxy alumni collaborate well on teams and are effective problem solvers, quick learners, effective communicators and comfortable with diversity — essential qualities that are hard to teach on the job.

Theory Meets Practice
Occidental is one of the country’s few residential liberal arts colleges in a major urban setting — the global city that is Los Angeles. Oxy students benefit from innovative programs and an immediate, hands-on connection between what is taught in the classroom and practiced in the real world.
APPLIED LEARNING

Oxy students have the opportunity to participate in internships throughout Los Angeles and other cities. Through these experiences, students gain the skills and connections to prepare them for life after Oxy.

RECENT INTERNSHIPS

The Autry Museum  
Center Theatre Group  
City of Hope  
Cancer Genetics  
Community Partners  
Dine Brands Global Corp.  

Grammar Museum  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Los Angeles Times  
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy  
Los Angeles Zoo  

Mercedes-Benz Arena Shanghai  
Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles  
Payden & Rygel  
Planned Parenthood  
Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing

Regardless of their major, Occidental students graduate with the flexible, creative thinking skills that are in demand in today’s job market and graduate programs. From the time they are first year students, the Hameetman Career Center works with our students to ensure that they feel prepared, confident and ready to hit the ground running when they graduate.

—Harry J. Elam, Jr.  
President, Occidental College

4 of the top 5 traits employers look for are hallmarks of a traditional liberal arts education: teamwork, clear writing, problem-solving aptitude and strong oral communications.

—NACE Survey, 2017

75% of the Class of 2020 report having held at least one internship while at Oxy.  
2020 Hameetman Career Center First Destination Survey

74% of CEOs surveyed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers say a liberal arts education is the best fit for today’s global economy.

A recent survey of corporate hiring managers by the National Association of Colleges and Employers revealed that the skills employers want most of new graduates are the ability to work well on a team, make decisions and solve problems—all liberal arts skills.

ABOUT OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

Founded in Los Angeles in 1887, Occidental College is a private co-educational college of the liberal arts and sciences, one of the few located in a major city. Some 2,050 students from 48 states and 56 countries choose from 45 majors and minors and participate in one of the country’s top undergraduate research programs. Coursework is integrated with opportunities to study in more than 50 countries, internships, 20 intercollegiate sports and participation in Oxy’s distinctive United Nations and Campaign Semester programs.