

An Experience Worth Having

If you are an international student who wants to study in America for a semester or two, the Otterbein Semester provides great academic and cultural learning opportunities. In this program, students can experience American culture, learn in inspiring classes, enjoy central Ohio, and make lasting friendships.

Maybe you want the very best education available. Maybe you want to put your career on the fast track by perfecting your English and working with top professionals in your field. Whatever your reasons, one thing is clear – your next step is to come to the U.S.A., which will help you achieve your goals and have fun!

Otterbein University is an exceptional learning environment with a large selection of classes in over 80 degree programs. The beautiful campus is conveniently located near the best of central Ohio attractions. Otterbein's active student life provides opportunities to interact with other university students. The Center for International Education and Global Engagement will help you adjust quickly & support you throughout the semester.

Application Timetable

All applications materials for spring programs must be submitted by December 1st. Applications will be accepted as early as July. International students should apply as early as possible in order to apply for a student visa. Applications for the summer program must be submitted by April 15. Admission to the Otterbein Semester does not imply admission to Otterbein University. Students interested in transferring to Otterbein to become a degree seeking student in the semester following their participation in the Otterbein Semester must apply following normal application procedures.



DeVore Hall

Housing and Cost Information

Otterbein Semester students are encouraged to live on-campus. Housing is available, but not guaranteed. Housing preferences for on-campus or off-campus lodging should be communicated when the application is submitted. Students who wish to attend the Otterbein Semester pay tuition and fees at levels established especially for this program. International students are also required to obtain insurance provided by the university. Specific pricing can be found on the program website. <http://otterbein.abroadoffice.net/semester.html> (\$5000)

The Otterbein Semester

A short-term study-abroad program in the United States

About Otterbein University

Otterbein was founded in 1847 and was among the first universities in the United States to be founded as coeducational and to admit women to the same programs of study as male students. Otterbein was also one of the first three universities in the United States to be open to students of color.

Otterbein University is a comprehensive, private institution and offers both bachelor's and master's degrees. Otterbein has a history of community service and engagement and is located in the city of Westerville, a suburb of the state capital of Columbus. In Westerville, it is possible for students to experience the warmth of a small American town located just minutes from the arts and commerce of the 17th largest city in the United States. Storefronts in "Uptown" Westerville are mainly the original architecture and home to many locally owned stores and boutiques. Westerville was ranked 15th in the Top 100 list of "America's Best Places to Live" by *Money Magazine*.

The Otterbein Semester offers current undergraduate students the opportunity to experience the rich cultures of central Ohio and the expertise of the Otterbein faculty. The Otterbein Semester encourages well-roundedness through experience, and each program that is offered gives a new perspective for students studying in various academic disciplines.

Admission Information

Students from colleges and universities abroad are welcome to apply.

International students whose native language is not English, including those applying from a U.S. institution, are required to submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants holding an undergraduate or graduate degree from an academic institution within the United States or another English-speaking country will be exempt from this requirement. Students who wish to improve their English language skills should contact the Otterbein Intensive English Program at 614-823-1370 or otterbein.abroadoffice.net.

International students should submit the following:

- Completed International Student Application
- Official transcripts from all universities attended
- Bank verification letter
- Applicants whose native language is not English must submit the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS results \$30 application fee payable to Otterbein University.



Westerville, Ohio

Program Offerings

The Otterbein Semester program is open to students from outside the United States who are not seeking degrees at Otterbein. The term of study is limited to two semesters. All courses are taught in English and students need to meet minimum TOEFL requirements. Seats in courses are subject to availability.

Seats are normally available in many subjects including:

- Business Administration
- Communication
- English
- Mathematics
- Actuarial Science
- Computer Science

Extra Activities

Like to ice skate? Attend major sporting events? Visit a world-class zoo or amusement park? Otterbein University is in a prime location, offering students the opportunity to have the comforts of the suburbs with access to a vibrant city and activities within minutes. In Columbus you'll find a wide range of cultural offerings, such as the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, art museums and galleries, as well as many shopping opportunities, ranging from small shops and boutiques located in Columbus' Short North to gigantic shopping centers ("malls") north of the city. If you like nature, you can go to any of the beautiful Metro Parks and enjoy a leisurely walk. You can explore exciting caves, take hikes in pristine landscapes, go camping and canoeing in one of the many nearby state parks.