

## General Information

<u>Y</u>	Common Application
<u>Y</u>	Application Fee - \$70 waivers available
<u>Y</u>	JST/CLEP/ DSST Accepted
<u>Y</u>	Online Credit Accepted – see notes
<u>Y</u>	Yellow Ribbon
<u>Y</u>	Veteran Information

## Application Deadlines –

_____	Fall – Transfer – Priority – March 1
_____	Fall – Transfer – Regular – April 1
_____	Spring - Transfer – November 1

## College Admission Policy – Transfer

### Credit Required to Transfer – 32+

<u>Y</u>	SAT / ACT – (optional)
<u>Y</u>	Required GPA – 3.5 minimum
<u>Y</u>	Official College Transcripts
<u>Y</u>	Short Answer and Essay Questions
<u>Y</u>	Course Requirements for Major
<u>Y</u>	Personal Statement for Common App
<u>Y</u>	Instructor LOR / Military LOR
<u>Y</u>	Official High School Transcripts
<u>Y</u>	Writing Sample from College Course
<u>Y</u>	College Report (see notes)

**College Notes – Be sure to check out the information below on the Barack Obama Scholars Program; Veterans are encouraged to apply.**

**Student cannot transfer in to: Media Arts & Culture or Music.**

**Economics - Student entering with junior standing must have completed calculus, micro and macro economics**

- **Application Deadlines** – Please check website for potential changes to deadlines
- **Application Advice** - When filling out the Application for Admission, please complete sections which do not seem directly relevant to your personal, academic, and military experiences to the best of your ability. For example, the application asks about your extracurricular activities, awards, and honors.
  - o **Apply at Common Application** - <https://www.commonapp.org>

- **Application Fee / Waiver for Veterans** - \$70 waiver is available for Marines
- **GPA minimum does not equate to competitive GPA** – Required GPA 3.5
- **SAT / ACT** – Optional
- **Transferable Credit / Online Credit** - generally means liberal arts / science / math credit (e.g. general education) from a regionally accredited 2-year or 4-year, traditional institution; subject to strict review by university; online credit is accepted based on guidelines above;
  - **JST/DSST/CLEP credit** – some may be applied
  - **Online Credit** – may be accepted from a regionally accredited institution at the college level and is of a liberal arts nature, with a “C” or better, and does not violate residency requirements
- **Majors Ready** – expected to be major ready
  - **Example** - Economics majors would have work in calculus, micro and macro econ
- **Transfer Students — if you have taken a class after high school, you are a transfer student**
  - **Prefer Candidates Have** – at least two semesters of transferable credit with three or four classes taken each semester, but military students may be the exception
  - **Short Answer and Essay Questions** – In your Common Application, Occidental has a few essay requirements on top of the Personal Statement you will upload
  - **Instructor LOR** – Occidental prefers an instructor evaluation
  - **Writing Sample** – Occidental wants you to submit a graded college writing assignment
  - **College Report** – found on Common Application site  
[https://www.oxy.edu/sites/default/files/assets/Admission\\_Aid/College%20Report.pdf](https://www.oxy.edu/sites/default/files/assets/Admission_Aid/College%20Report.pdf)
- **CORE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES** – Occidental seeks transfer students who have taken courses that align with the Core Program initiative. This translates to approximately the following. However, transfer candidates do not need to have all of these courses complete to be considered competitive
  - 8 units of English – with intensive writing and reading
  - 4 units of Math – to include algebra, algebra II, geometry, and 1 additional class that builds on the knowledge and concepts outlined in algebra II
  - 4 units Fine Arts – a college level fine arts course
  - 4 units Pre-Industrial Era – e.g. history prior to the “pre-industrial era” pre-1800s
  - 12 units Cultural Studies Courses – cultural diversity, global interconnectedness
  - 8 units of Natural Science – at least 2 units from: biology, chemistry, physics, and earth sciences and at least one of these classes must have a lab
  - 8 units of Foreign Language – must be the same language (may be a waiver if do not have HS foreign language)
- **Veteran Information** – <https://www.oxy.edu/veterans-oxy>, Veteran Financial Aid Benefits: <https://www.oxy.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-awards/grants-scholarships/veteran-benefits>
- **Scholarship Information** – Obama Scholars Program – open to all students, but military are especially encouraged to apply as this scholarship fully funds students in a loan-free financial aid package covering tuition, room, board, books, travel see: <https://www.oxy.edu/admission-aid/obama-scholars-program>, Merit scholarships are awarded to incoming students (first years & transfers) who have demonstrated the highest level of academic achievement and will continue this success at Oxy. <https://www.oxy.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-awards/grants-scholarships/oxy-merit-scholarships>

- **Housing** – Occidental is a residential college and offers affordable off-campus housing for student veterans and their families