



GUIDE TO STUDENT CONSUMER INFORMATION

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, GRADUATION RATES, CAMPUS SECURITY, STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA). SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IS AVAILABLE FROM THE INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS (INCLUDING PRINTED COPIES). THE GUIDE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR BY REQUESTING A PAPER COPY. OCU CONSUMER INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE COLLEGE'S WEBSITE AT <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/consumer-information>

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

Descriptions of academic programs and degree offerings (<https://www.ohiochristian.edu/campus-degrees/campus-degree-programs>), and <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/online-college/working-adult-degree-programs/>, instructional facilities (<https://www.ohiochristian.edu/map>), and instructional personnel are available in the catalog. Ohio Christian University is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission to award associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission at info@hlcommission.org or call 800-621-7440 for questions about the accreditation of OCU. All other queries about programs, services, or admissions should be directed to www.ohiochristian.edu or (877) 762-8669.

For more information about associations, agencies, and/or other bodies that accredit, approve, or license OCU and its programs, go to <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/accreditation-and-recognition>

Information regarding requirements for admission to an academic program, the transfer student application process and the criteria the College uses regarding transfer credits earned at another institution are available in at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/campus-degrees/transfer-students/>.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides students certain rights with respect to their educational records.

They include the right to:

- 1) inspect and review these records;
- 2) request an amendment to the records;
- 3) consent to or restrict disclosures of personally identifiable information in the records; and
- 4) file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning the College's alleged failure to comply with FERPA.

Copies of complete policies and procedures for reviewing educational records and requesting an amendment of the records may be obtained from the Registrar's Office. OCU's FERPA policy is available at

<https://www.ohiochristian.edu/myocu/university-registrar/resources/ferpa-information/>

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

This feature provides an estimate of typical expenses and financial aid to attend Ohio Christian University. The estimates may be used to help students determine "net cost" and can be viewed at

<https://www.ohiochristian.edu/campus-degrees/financial-aid/net-price-calculator/>.

For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office at the Circleville Campus or email finaid@ohiochristian.edu.

FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Detailed information regarding the following items are available at the Financial Aid Office at the Circleville Campus; phone (740) 420-5944; email finaid@ohiochristian.edu or by visiting <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/financial-aid/student-rights-responsibilities>.

- Descriptions of federal, state, local, private, and institutional student financial assistance, need-based and non-need based federal financial aid, terms and conditions under which students receive Federal Direct Loans, procedures and forms which students apply for assistance, and the criteria for selecting recipients and determining the award amounts.
- Rights and responsibilities of students receiving financial assistance and, specifically, assistance under the Title IV, HEA programs.
- Specific information regarding criteria for continued student eligibility under each program.
- Standards which a student must maintain in order to make satisfactory progress in his/her course of study for the purpose of receiving financial assistance, and the criteria by which a student who has failed to maintain satisfactory progress may reestablish his/her eligibility for financial assistance.
- Specific information about financial aid disbursements to student accounts and the frequency of those disbursements.
- The terms of any loan received by a student as part of the student's financial assistance package, a sample loan repayment schedule and the necessity for repaying loans.
- General conditions and terms applicable to employment provided as part of the student's financial assistance package.
- Entrance and exit counseling for borrowers under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program.

- A breakdown of the estimated cost of attendance used to determine student eligibility for federal student assistance.

FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A credit balance is remitted to students within 14 days of the credit being created on a student account. A student who is not actively attending and/or participating or has withdrawn from the University will see a delay in the remittance of their credit balance as the University calculates the impact of the inactivity or withdrawal. If a student chooses for OCU to retain the credit balance, then remittance of the credit balance occurs when the student requests remittance or no later than the end of the student's academic year. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office at the Circleville campus, (740) 420-5944, or finaid@ohiochristian.edu.

LOAN DISCLOSURES

Information published by the U.S. Department of Education regarding loan availability, as well as Private Education Loan Disclosures, Self-Certification Form and the Code of Conduct for Education loans can be found <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/financial-aid/student-rights-responsibilities>.

REFUND POLICY

Students who change their schedule or drop classes may receive a refund of unearned tuition and fees in accordance with the Tuition and Fees refund policy available at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/m/tuition-and-fees-refund-policy/>. Students who receive financial aid, complete registration,

and subsequently reduce his/her enrollment status or withdraw are subject to the federal and state refunds and repayments regulations. The Financial Aid Office determines if students who completely withdraw during a term have earned the money disbursed or owe a repayment. A summary of the requirements for the return of title IV grant or loan assistance can be viewed at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/about-ocu/return-of-title-iv-funds-summary/>. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office at the Circleville campus, (740) 420-5944, or finaid@ohiochristian.edu.

COLLEGE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

The requirements for dropping a course or officially withdrawing from OCU are contained in the Academic Catalog located at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/catalog>. Students should contact their advisor with questions about the academic impact of their withdrawal.

VACCINATION POLICY

OCU's vaccination policy can be found at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/about-ocu/vaccination-policy/>.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Office for Disability Services provides and coordinates support services and programs to students with disabilities as defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Information regarding this program can be found at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/about-ocu/disability-services-non-discrimination-equal-access-to-education/>

STUDENT BODY DIVERSITY

Information about student body diversity, including the percentage of enrolled, full-time students in the following categories: Male, Female, Self-identified members of a major race or ethnic group and Federal Pell Grant recipients is available at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/student-consumer-information/student-diversity-information/>

ATHLETICS

The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act requires co-educational institutions of postsecondary education that participate in a Title IV, federal student financial assistance program, and have an intercollegiate athletic program, to prepare an annual report to the Department of Education on athletic participation, staffing, and revenues and expenses, by men's and women's teams. OCU's EADA-Equity in Athletics Disclosure Report is published at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/student-consumer-information/equity-in-athletics-disclosure-2020/>

RETENTION, GRADUATION, AND JOB PLACEMENT RATES

Retention and graduation rates of degree-seeking first-time full-time undergraduate students are located at <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=Ohio+Christian&s=all&id=201964> and are published by the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/student-consumer-information/student-outcomes/>.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act, Slingshot (including our own campus bookstore), is fully compliant with textbook provisions, as ISBN number and existing retail price information are available on the bookstore website <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/about-ocu/textbook-information-policy/>

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Unauthorized distribution of intellectual property (including peer-to-peer file sharing) constitutes copyright infringement, and could be subject to college disciplinary action and civil and criminal penalties, including fines. Information related to copyright infringement and liabilities students may face for unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials can be found at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/about-ocu/copyright-policy/>.

STUDY ABROAD

A student's enrollment in a program of study abroad approved for credit by the home institution may be considered enrollment at the home institution for the purpose of applying for assistance under Title IV.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Detailed voter information is located on OCU's website at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/about/about-ocu/voter-registration/>

INSTITUTIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The OCU policy for Drug Free Schools and Campuses is distributed annually and can be found at - <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/university/about-ocu/campus-security-fire-safety>

The possession, sale, and/or use of alcoholic beverages of any description, non-medical narcotics, or hallucinogenic drugs, including marijuana, is completely and strictly prohibited on the campus of Ohio Christian University, denominational property, or by any student of the University. Ohio Christian University is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace free of drugs and alcohol and prohibits drug and alcohol abuse by its employees. Sanctions are detailed for students and staff who violate this policy.

FINANCIAL AID PENALTIES FOR DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS

A student convicted of possessing or selling drugs after the FAFSA is submitted, and while receiving Federal Financial Aid, must notify the Financial Aid Office at the Circleville campus, (740) 420-5944, or finaid@ohiochristian.edu. In general, if convicted of a drug-related felony or misdemeanor that took place while receiving Federal Student Aid, the student will become ineligible to receive further aid for a specified period of time upon conviction. The policy is located <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/student-consumer-information/campus-security-fire-safety/>

CAMPUS SAFETY AND CRIME

The primary concern of the OCU Security Department is the safety and security of all members of the campus community. In compliance with federal law, the Security Department makes available the Annual Security report, Timely Warning and Emergency Notification, Emergency

Response/Evacuation, Missing Student Notification Policy, Fire Safety Reports on Student Housing, and the Daily Crime Log can

Found at:

<https://www.ohiochristian.edu/student-consumer-information/campus-security-fire-safety/>.

Programs to prevent dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking as well as procedures for institutional disciplinary action in case of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are available at the Title IX Coordinators office on the Circleville Campus or at <https://www.ohiochristian.edu/title-ix>.

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