

Road to Occidental Webinar: Housing and Move-in Q & A

Q: My daughter is part of L.A. Engage and is moving in on August 19th. Will she move out on the 21st to move into a different dorm for the official start of school on the 22nd, or will she remain in the same dorm as used for the L.A. Engage?

A: Hi! When she moves in for LA Engage on August 19th, she will be moving into her room for the year so she will not need to move into a different residence hall when school starts!

Q: My student reported the link to the advising form was broken, and she had to leave for a summer exchange program overseas this morning. Can you explain what's in that form, and any suggestions for how to access it? Thanks.

A: We have had a few students with trouble in accessing the form. Please send an email to both helpdesk@oxy.edu and edmondjohnson@oxy.edu with your student's name so they can help fix that issue and share more about what is needed for that form.

Q: When do students receive their Oxy student ID #'s?

A: You have already received information on how to login to your student account information at my.oxy.edu. You will find your student ID in your MyOxy account.

Q: My student filled out the housing form and selected a themed dorm; will that be changed because of the L.A. Engage?

A: No, her residence hall choice will not be change because of LA Engage.

Q: When will we receive roommate assignments? Will it be before orientation week or when we arrive for orientation week?

A: You will receive roommate assignments in early August, which will give you a little time to connect with your roommate prior to move-in!

Q: Do you often get final transcripts sent directly from school counselors? Ours said that it is sent automatically if our student listed their college in their end-of-year survey.

A: Yes, that's common. We recommend double checking we received your final transcript anyway. Or keep an eye on your email in case we reach out if it is still missing.

Q: What's the earliest I could move in?

A: Move-in day is August 21 unless you are doing LA Engage, are an international student participating in New International Student Orientation, or a varsity athlete in a Fall sport.

Q: Are parents allowed to complete the insurance information or does the student have to do it themselves?

A: Many forms require the student to log into their Oxy portal, but parents are certinally welcome to help or complete if they are not behind that password. Full information on insurance/insurance waiver information will be coming out in the next 10 days.

Q: How do we reset our passwords? I'm having some trouble completing the advising form because I forgot my password.

A: There should be a "forgot password" option when you log in, but if you are still having trouble, feel free to email helpdesk@oxy.edu.

Q: My daughter will be participating in LA Engage. Will I be able to drop off dorm room items to her in the evening of the 20th and 21st?

A: LA Engage move in will be Aug. 19, but yes you are also welcome to continue dropping off items to her throughout the weekend.

Q: What does it mean to be living in a themed living community and how important is it that I do so?

A: You can read more about themed living here! It's not super important. All first years will live in first year residence halls if not in a themed living community. If you want to, you can request to live in one in future years at Oxy! <https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/residence-halls/themed-living-communities>

Q: Do athletes participate in orientation?

A: Yes! All incoming students participate in the full New Student Orientation program.

Q: Hello, I noticed on last year's academic calendar that there was a move-out date listed after finals and before winter break. Just for the sake of planning ahead with airfare and packing for move-in this summer, I'm wondering if the winter "move-out" means that we're expected to clean out our dorm room entirely? Thank you!

A: No, students do not need to pack up their residence room before winter break.

Q: If we want to take for example, basic level chemistry, do we still take the placement exam?

A: No, you will only need to take the placement exam if you would like to place into a class higher than the introductory level.

Q: Do we have to register in advance for the Tiger Chats?

A: The links are posted on this page each day of Tiger Chats! <https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/tiger-chats>

Q: Are there pre-semester placement exams for languages?

A: Yes, you can see the list here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHSj-aQPR-ELbyX7PkVHurgMBHM2G1KTEHFSCO8rfNMnfWuA/viewform>

Q: For students doing L.A. Engage and they move in on August 19th (What time or time window is move-in?)

A: Move-in is on Saturday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Q: Are there placement exams for the music department?

A: Yes, for music theory. See more info here: <https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/new-student-guide/move-day-guide-new-and-transfer-students>

Q: While I am not a transfer student, I have a lot of transfer credits. I've already been in contact with advising about an estimated course credit count, but does this allow me early registration/ advising since I'll also be starting at higher level courses?

A: No, you will still register with the rest of the first-year class.

Q: I was wondering if our correct room type and price will be on our bill August 1st since that's when payment is due even though housing info isn't given until August 4th? Thanks!

A: Yes. The billing office will coordinate with the housing office to make sure your bill reflects your correct housing.

Q: Can you please discuss any limitations on the shipping availability you discuss on the website? How much are we allowed to ship?

A: The limitations are just space over the summer so we don't want to have items arriving to early. But there are not size restrictions necessarily on the particular items.

Q: Could you tell me a little bit more about the Women's Scholars TLC? there's not much about it on the website.

A: The themed living community for Women's Scholars is a living community only for women-identifying students.

Q: Is there a car/parking policy on campus?

A: Any student is allowed to have a car on campus and parking is free! Parking passes (free!) can be obtained through campus safety.

Q: Are security cameras allowed?

A: You should discuss this with your roommate, but if you are both comfortable with that, then sure! Just make sure that the cameras do not record any shared public spaces and are limited to your private space.

Q: Has a list of vaccinations required of us been sent out yet?

A: Students can find all of the required health forms and immunizations at <http://myhealth.oxy.edu>

Q: Do you have an Oxy '27 Instagram account?

A: There is a New Student Discord! For students only. Sign up here: <https://discord.com/channels/1043322110841458768/1043322110854037621>

Q: When will we get our first bill towards tuition?

A: The first bill will be sent out on August 1.

Q: I believe parent orientations are on August 21st and 22nd. Is this correct?

A: Yes! Family Orientation will start on 8/21 and here's the link to the online schedule: <https://www.oxy.edu/parents-families/orientation-information-families!>

Q: Is there a way to look at breakdown of how much it would be if you break down payments across a payment plan?

A: Please look here: <https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/campus-dining/meal-plans/pick-your-plan>

Q: Tuition breakdown?

A: Please look here: <https://www.oxy.edu/admission-aid/costs-financial-aid>

Q: Please share a different link for the placement exams it says only an owner can view it.

A: Here you go! <https://www.oxy.edu/academics/student-success/advising-center/placement-exams>

Q: If you get a smaller meal plan and later find that you need more, are we able to add more money to the plan and reload it almost like a gift card, or would you just need to switch to a bigger plan altogether? Thanks!

A: Yes, you can add more flexible dining dollars called Bengal Bucks that can be used in the dining hall.

Q: Are there printers in the dorms?

A: Yes! Each residence hall has a computer lab, and there are printers in the libraries as well. Printing is free!

Q: We joined late. Have you talked about athletes moving in early?

A: Student-athletes will receive move in information directly from their coaching staffs, and there will be a small orientation program on Aug. 18 for early arriving student-athletes.

Q: Is there a storage room for luggage in the dorms?

A: There is not storage for student in the residence halls, aside from their personal closet space in their rooms.

Q: Question about the Bengal Bus. How far will it drop off students?

A: You can take it within a 7 mile radius of campus: <https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/student-services/bengal-bus>

Q: How do I contact SLICE regarding LA Engage space availability?

A: You can email us at SLICE@oxy.edu.

Q: What time frame do you recommend shipping items for pick up when we arrive on campus?

A: No earlier than July 20, but any time after that.

Q: I know that you mentioned no heating devices earlier, but does that include a coffee pot or Keurig coffee maker?

A: If it has an automatic off setting, it is allowed.

Q: is that authorization the same as having grades shared?

A: You can indicate what records are shared with who. And which records are not shared.

Q: Per the luggage and storage space question, are most dorm rooms able to accommodate a standard-sized suitcase under their bed or in their closet?

A: Yes, and most students do store their suitcases in their room.

Q: My question about 3rd party tuition payment was a bit different. Can you suggest a point of contact to ask?

A: Yes. The business office is the best place to go for that. business@oxy.edu.

Q: Is there a student discount for computers?

A: Not to our knowledge, but laptops are available to use in the library.

Q: What about AP's counting toward placement?

A: AP scores of a 4 or 5 can count towards your college credit, but you should still take a placement exam so you know where your knowledge falls within Oxy's curriculum.

Q: Do all students athletes move in early or just fall athletes?

A: Just fall athletes will moving in early in August!

Q: If you took 3 years of a language in high school, what class would you be placed in without taking the exam?

A: You will not be placed into a higher-level language course without taking the placement exam. So, you'd be placed in the 101 level without taking the exam.

Q: Do students usually take mostly core classes first year?

A: For the most part! So many classes can count towards Core, so it's pretty easy to get some out of the way. All students take a first-year seminar as well.

Q: Question about Core Program. Do all students have to take a Math and Science or is it students have a to complete a Math or Science to fulfill the Core?

A: The Core Program requires that all students complete 3 quantitative classes. One of which must be a lab science, the other 2 must be a science or math.

Q: If I took the AP exams for multiple courses, should I only be sending the scores I got over 4, or submit all AP exam scores report? I was wondering if I should send the whole score report or send the scores from specific courses I chose.

A: You will only receive credit for scores above a 4, but the score report is usually one all-encompassing report and it is sent to the Registrar's Office.

Q: Do athletes get priority registration for any classes?

A: They do not.

Q: Our aid package includes work study. Where are the opportunities listed?

A: Many will open up when the fall semester starts, but some roles are already open!
<https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/human-resources/student-employment>

Q: Do evaporative coolers actually work? they were mentioned in the housing page, any of you have experience with them? Thanks.

A: Yes, they are helpful! If you come to Tiger Chats, our students can share their experiences too.

Q: My school's program is a British curriculum so the final grades are coming out in August. Is that ok? Cause I saw that the deadline for the final grades is July 1st.

A: Yes! We understand that for some of our student abroad final exams and grades do come out later. We just need them as soon as you get them.

Q: When can we start enrolling in classes?

A: You will register for the rest of your classes during orientation.

Q: Any ideas of how the payment plans are structured?

A: Here's the student accounts website that would have the most information:

<https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/student-business-services/student-accounts/making-payment!>

Q: How hard is it to get into the classes you want?

A: Not hard! Most professors are really flexible and if you email them you can get into their classes. Others are often repeated every semester, so if you don't get in during the fall, then you can in the spring. The benefit of a small school!

Q: If Calculus or Chemistry isn't required for your major, is a math or science class required for Core? So, would Calculus placement be advised if you've taken it?

A: Yes Math/Science requirement is still required for all students but it is often not fulfilled for students interested in humanities or the arts through a traditional math or science course.

Q: I think the last question was about getting extended time as a testing accommodation for the placement test.

A: You can learn more about accommodations here: <https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/disability-services/academic-accommodations>

Q: Do all 5 freshman dorms cost the same amount?

A: The residence halls do not cost different amounts but the types of rooms (triple or double) do cost different amounts.

Q: Another question about work study; Do students need to apply for all positions they are interested in or is there one application and Oxy places the student in a position?

A: Students need to apply to all positions they are interested in.

Q: Language Question. So, if you decide to start a new language, do you have to take a placement exam or simply start with 101 class?

A: You can start with the 101 class if the language is new to you!

Q: Are student permitted to reconfigure room furniture?

A: Within reason! You can move the desks and side tables around, as long as you work with your roommate on that. The beds are not moveable in the same way as smaller furniture.

Q: When are the placement exams due?

A: You have until registration during orientation to complete those exams.

Q: Will the work study open positions be updated between now and the start of the year?

A: Yes they are updated and posted frequently!

Q: For student ID's, do the students send in a photo of themselves or do you take photos of students on campus?

A: You can send in a photo of yourself for your first year!

Q: MSI Question. Will there be a parent orientation for the summer program?

A: There will not be a family orientation program for MSI move-in.