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OUR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING EXTENDS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, SO IN ADDITION TO AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION, YOU’LL BUILD DIVERSE AND LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF WHILE NURTURING A GREATER OUTREACH TO OTHERS OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.

THE OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH YOUR ACADEMIC, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS ARE ENDLESS.

YOUR OU EDUCATION WILL EMPOWER YOU TO SUCCEED AND THRIVE AT WHATEVER YOU DO.

In the most recent update to the Carnegie Classification of Higher Education, Oakland University is in the second-highest tier of research universities. This tier features colleges and universities with “high research activity,” a designation held by only 3.1 percent of the 4,424 colleges and universities on the Carnegie Classification list.
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Women’s Basketball Player
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Horizon League Academic Honor Roll
Summer STEM Camp Counselor

Become a #FutureGrizzly and pursue excellence with more than 275 programs that push you to think beyond four walls. To get out and experience it for yourself. To find the answers in the lab, the field, the stage and the community.

You’ll find your professors become your mentors, and they’ll help you make important connections between theory and practice. They stand firm on years of academic excellence — they are published authors, noted researchers, experts in their fields — and use their knowledge to cultivate and challenge yours.

Graduate students learn alongside renowned faculty to dive deeper into their area of study and pursue research linked to technological, economic, scientific and political solutions.

If you haven’t decided on an undergraduate major, OU’s academic advisers will help you choose the one that best fits your interests. You’ll complement that major with general education courses — courses that all students study — giving you a well-balanced, global education.

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CONNECTIONS

Located in the heart of Oakland County, one of the nation’s hardest working and most prosperous counties, OU is literally at the center of opportunity. With the help of OU’s Career Services, our students land internships and job placements with major corporations like Stellantis, Beaumont Health System, General Motors, Quicken Loans and Continental AG — all in Oakland’s backyard.

oakland.edu/careerservices

Through innovative partnerships with businesses, non-profit and civic organizations, you can gain practical, career-related experience through valuable internships, co-ops or public service opportunities. International students may take advantage of employment opportunities available at OU, including on-campus positions, graduate assistant positions, graduate research positions and internships/co-ops.

To further expand your global horizons, OU offers opportunities to study abroad in more than 45 countries, including China, Israel, England, Greece, South Africa, Japan, Costa Rica, Germany, Canada, Australia and Brazil. You can develop worldwide social, linguistic, academic and professional skills while earning credit toward your degree.

Or you can take an academic adventure within North America by studying away at nearly 200 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands. You’ll spend a semester or year experiencing valuable academic and personal growth — while paying OU tuition and receiving OU credit.

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“I love Oakland University. The faculty and staff are very friendly and helpful. The university embraces ‘creating the future’ through research, activities and student involvement. Students have many opportunities in college and after they graduate that are not available in many other places.”

- Sharanya Reddy (India)

In a 15 minute drive, you can find yourself in downtown Rochester, with tons of shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities. And nearby Auburn Hills offers another lively downtown with restaurants, nightlife and the DEN, a renovated historical cabin with free wi-fi and study areas.

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Meet Esosa

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
National Society of Black Engineers
ImpactLabs Nigeria
AIESEC Volunteer
Girl-Lead Project Volunteer

Esosa Ekikragbon is in his element when he’s solving real-world problems. It’s why he came to OU from Nigeria. Now he’s a graduate research assistant in OU’s Applied Electromagnetics and Wireless Lab, helping to improve wireless systems — and making the world a better place.
Many students choose OU for its small campus feel. It’s that sense of community, of not getting lost in the crowd, that so many are drawn to. And it swells each day you’re on campus — each time you discover a hidden study spot, when the bells ring in the Elliott Tower, when the sun shines on the Saints and Sinners fountain, each time you lay in a hammock near Bear Lake, each time you pass a friend who was once a stranger.

OAKLAND PRIDE RUNS DEEP THROUGH ALL 300 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Whether they’re organizing relief efforts with the American Red Cross Club, learning different math concepts with the Mathematics Student Society, or advocating on behalf of other students with OU Student Congress, all members proudly represent Oakland in the community and across the country.

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And all rooms are furnished with:
- extra-long twin or double-sized beds
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There are many housing opportunities available, including two student apartment complexes and six residence halls that offer convenience and safety. In fact, OU is one of the safest universities, with a high-level of security and its own police department.

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MBA Student
Human Resource Management Graduate
Leadership OU
OU Spanish Club
OU’s Society for Applied Investing and Educating

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OU’S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE SERVES 854 STUDENTS AND 29 SCHOLARS AS WELL AS 139 DEPENDENTS FROM 55 COUNTRIES.

Additional countries represented on campus.

- Albania
- Bahamas
- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Croatia
- Columbia
- Croatia
- Egypt
- Ecuador
- Finland
- France
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Germany
- Ghana
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- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uganda

SINCE 2008 OU HAS WELcomed seven FULLBRIGHT STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS FROM YEMEN, SOUTH AFRICA, IRAQ AND KOSOVO.

Located on 1,443 acres of wooded hills and meadows in northern Oakland County, Oakland University is an epicenter of artistic enrichment.

Five cultural gems sit right on campus for you to enjoy:

- Varner Hall houses OU’s School of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD), which hosts year-round student, faculty and guest performances.
- Meadow Brook Hall, a National Historic Landmark and the former home of OU’s founders, is preserved with the original art and furnishings from the 1920s, including a recently-rediscovered Spanish masterpiece now on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts.
- OU Art Gallery, which features innovative painting, sculpture, photography and video by Oakland students and breakthrough artists.
- Meadow Brook Amphitheatre, an outdoor summer amphitheatre that has hosted David Gray, Sarah McLachlan and O.A.R.
- Meadow Brook Theatre, Michigan’s largest nonprofit professional theatre, which presents everything from Lysistrata Jones to A Christmas Carol.

Off campus, you can experience the vibrant downtown of Rochester, named one of the nation’s top 10 places for lifelong learning by U.S. News & World Report. Oakland even provides Bear Bus shuttles that take resident students around town for shopping, dining and entertainment outings.

You can also explore neighboring Auburn Hills, home to the Downtown Educational Nook (DEN), and The Palace, which features live concerts as well as Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Michigan’s only enclosed value-regional mall.

Fulbright scholars ANNA SZALA (Poland), left, and RANIA BELLAJJ (Tunisia) are pursuing graduate degrees in OU’s Department of Psychology.
We know that transition can be challenging, especially for students in a new country with new surroundings. But with hard work and determination — plus the help of OU’s resources — you’ll be equipped with the confidence to tackle any new circumstance.

OU’s International Students and Scholars office is your home away from home. Through service, support and advocacy, the dedicated staff, including two newly-appointed international student ambassadors, nurture global citizenship and multicultural appreciation. You can take advantage of immigration-related advising, social and cultural counseling and helpful orientation sessions. You can also participate in:

- Cross cultural programming like Chinese New Year, International Night, Hispanic Celebration and more
- International Allies, a student organization that introduces international students to American life
- Learn About Me, which gives international students the opportunity to educate children about their countries and cultures
- Host Family Program, which offers hospitality and resources for integration with American culture
- International Village, a living learning community with domestic and international students living together

You can reach your language goals at OU’s English as a Second Language (ESL) Institute, which offers courses to meet the needs of all language proficiency levels — from beginning through advanced. Courses are designed to comply with AAIEP accreditation standards and embrace the main areas of ESL education: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Whether you are interested in improving your English or improving your TOEFL or IELTS score, the ESL Institute provides services and programs that will help you climb the ladder of success.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION?
Undergraduate students: international@oakland.edu
Graduate students: gradinfo@oakland.edu
STEP 1
Follow the detailed instructions at oakland.edu/international for applying. Graduate students should follow the instructions at oakland.edu/grad/future-graduate-students/international.

STEP 2
Create an admissions login at oakland.edu/apply and record your login information so you can check your application status.

STEP 3
Complete the application. You can apply to OU at any point in the year, but we suggest you submit all the required information, including transcripts and test scores, by these deadlines:

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* Some graduate programs have earlier admission deadlines; please check oakland.edu/grad/programs for specific program dates.

STEP 4
We welcome students from all over the world. International students can come to OU as a/an:

- **undergraduate student.** Students who are degree-seeking and who have met the English proficiency requirement.

- **undergraduate GAPP student.** The Global Achievement Pathways Program (GAPP) allows students to come to OU with lower English proficiency and begin academic study for a degree while taking English classes.

- **ESL student.** Students who need to improve their English proficiency before applying for a degree program.

- **ASAP student.** The American Semester Abroad Program (ASAP) allows undergraduate and graduate students to study abroad at Oakland for a semester or a year and transfer credits back to their home university.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTING

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