

Oberlin College
2025-2026 Academic Year
Penalties, Fees, and Fines

Housing and Dining Violations

Offense	Penalty
Improper Check-In/Check-Out Failure to Complete An RCR Failure to Provide Off-Campus Contact Information	\$50 Fine; Unable to Appeal Damage Charges at Check-Out
Failure to register for Winter Term Housing	\$50 Fine; Students are not able to stay in Winter Term housing
Disposal (Removing of Belongings from Room)	\$25 per item, plus labor cost at \$35 per hour (Additional Charges for Disposal Required Special Procedures)
Failure to Vacate Residence Hall Room and Return Keys by Stated Date and Time Failure to Checkout at Announced Hall Closing Time	Charged \$50 per hour (Limited to \$400 per day)
Lock Change and/or Failure to Return Key Resulting in Lock Change	\$60 per Lock
Lockout Charge	Students will not be charged for lockouts during the first two weeks of fall & spring semesters. After second lock out students will meet with their area coordinator or designee. \$10 per lock out after the third lock out for the academic year
Pet Rule Violations	\$100 per resident of the college housing unit and possible referral to college conduct system (plus repair or replacement and additional cleaning cost assessed at the time of checkout).
Unauthorized Party Violation of Party Policy	Up to a \$100 per resident assigned to the housing unit plus the cost of damages discovered following the unauthorized party.
Unauthorized Room Change Room Change not Complete by Deadline	\$100, plus possible relocation

Student Motor Vehicle and Bicycle Fines

Vehicles found in violation of a third offense of the parking regulations will be towed immediately.

Towing and applicable storage costs are at the owner's expense. Three violations will result in removal of cars from campus. Additional parking restrictions and fee listings are available from the Office of Campus Safety at www.oberlin.edu/campus-safety/.

Offense	Penalty
Unregistered cars found on campus	\$200 (An additional \$200 if there is a need for registration)
Altered or counterfeit permit	\$250, plus revocation of parking privileges
Violations of parking regulations (not including handicapped or fire-lane violations)	\$20 for first ticket; \$40 for second ticket; \$60 for third violation; \$80 for fourth violation plus tow/storage at owner expense
Immobilization Fee (see parking regulations for applicable)	\$50, plus unpaid violation
Violation of fire-lane restriction	\$250
Unauthorized parking in a reserved, handicapped, or otherwise designated space	\$250
Late fee (if violation not paid within 5 days, weekends included)	\$5
Improper Bicycle Storage	\$50
Unauthorized Parking in a Reserved Space	\$150

Library Violations

Offense	Penalty
Failure to Respond to Recall Notices	\$10 per day overdue fine, referral to honor committee or student conduct system
Reserve Room Penalties	\$2 per hour overdue fine
Violation of Established Library Building Rules	Referral to college student conduct system or local law enforcement authorities
Unauthorized entry in the library roof areas or unauthorized presence in the library or computing center after regular hours	Referral to college student conduct system or other appropriate authority
Improper removal, retention, concealment, or damage of library, computing center, or AV materials and equipment.	Referral to honor committee and/or college student conduct system plus appropriate fees and fines as listed in lending regulations

Other Violations

If any of these violations occur, a member of the Office of Residence Life and Dining Services or the Senior Associate Dean of Students will speak to the student to hear their side and, if convinced the violation occurred, will impose the scheduled fine and penalty using their discretion. A community board hearing is not required. However, the student may appeal to the Community Board board if they think there are mitigating circumstances.

Offense	Penalty
Damage to College Property	Disciplinary action plus repair or replacement costs
Tampering with life-safety equipment, e.g., fire extinguishers, smoke detectors	Up to \$300 and disciplinary status, plus repair or replacement costs
False or negligent fire/life-safety alarm activation	Up to \$300 fine and disciplinary action, plus repair or replacement costs
Theft or misappropriation of college property	Disciplinary status, plus repair or replacement costs
Failure to return Art Rental on time	\$10 per day per rental