

Sophomore Experience Learning Goals

NB: This is oriented towards A&S degrees

Identify and Reflect on your Interests, Values, and Commitments

- Students will reflect on their interests, values, and commitments, seeking to understand, on the one hand, the ways in which they have been shaped by their personal histories and social contexts, and, on the other, their individual freedom to grow in new directions.
- Students will explore the connections between their chosen field(s) of study and their interests, values, and commitments.
- Students will identify mentors and peers from within and outside the college to support their identification of and reflection on their interests, values, and commitments.
- Students will assess their various commitments, on and off campus, and prioritize those opportunities that best support their intellectual, social, ethical, and professional growth.

Choose a Major and Develop a Five-Semester Educational Plan

- Students will understand the intellectual, artistic, and ethical growth that the in-depth study of a field makes possible and gain an understanding of how majors represent different approaches to knowledge.
- Students will craft a holistic educational plan (including academic, co-curricular, and summer opportunities), while remaining mindful of their freedom to revise and reinvent, and of the benefits of improvisation and flexibility.
- Students will explore how their chosen major opens up a variety of pathways into the future *and outside the classroom*.

Engage in Oberlin's Communities of Learning

- Students will welcome complex and often difficult conversations that challenge them and their peers and contribute to intellectual, artistic, and personal growth.
- Students will hone their skills of listening to and joining culturally and politically diverse communities at Oberlin College and beyond.

Build your Network and Prepare to Launch

- Students will create a network of connections by formalizing relationships with their academic advisor, faculty, staff, and mentors to involve them in personal, academic and career planning.

- Students will develop the necessary skills and competencies to be ready to pursue internship and research opportunities in their academic field of interest.
- Students will become adept at translating the skills they have acquired at Oberlin for meaningful Winter Term, Summer and post-graduate opportunities.