Oberlin College has an electronic ID card system that provides general identification, access to college housing, dining halls, and academic areas, and retail functionality. For a full list of services, visit the ID Card Office website. New students are issued OCID cards when they arrive at Oberlin. All students are expected to use their original OCID during their entire student career.

Lost or stolen OCIDs should be turned off immediately either by deactivating the card via the Lost ID Card Information page or by contacting the Office of Safety and Security. Lost cards may be replaced at the ID Card Office located in Mudd Center 020 or the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services located in Stevenson Hall.

The replacement fee is currently $10. Cards that appear damaged through normal use may be replaced at no charge. Stolen OCIDs will be replaced at no charge if the student can present a copy of a police report from the jurisdiction local to where the theft occurred.

The Office of Safety and Security can provide temporary cards for access and meals on evenings and weekends to those who have lost their OCID, with the requirement that a new permanent card will be obtained at the ID Card Office during the next business day. Temporary cards not returned in a timely manner will be billed to the student’s term bill at a rate of $15 per unreturned card. All OCID cards remain the property of Oberlin College and must be surrendered at the request of ID Card Office personnel, typically when a damaged card is being replaced. Students are expected to carry their OCID at all times for identification purposes. At the request of any Safety and Security officer or employee of the college, a student must identify themselves and present their OCID. Failure to do so is considered a serious violation that could lead to suspension, probation or a fine. Failure to identify oneself also may lead to the assumption that one is not a student, and, if there has been misbehavior, civil action may be taken. Any attempt to use an OCID that has expired or to make any use of another person’s OCID is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.