

# Otterbein College Profile

Otterbein College is a **private, comprehensive liberal arts college** affiliated with the United Methodist Church. **Founded in 1847**, Otterbein enrolls over **3,100 students**, including full and part-time undergraduate and adult students in the Graduate and Continuing Studies Programs.

## Campus

Otterbein is located in Westerville, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, that is ranked 15th on *Money Magazine's* 2009 list of Best Places to Live. The 114-acre campus has 58 buildings, including:

- Towers Hall, constructed in 1872 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Cowan Hall, home to Otterbein's nationally-renowned Department of Theatre and Dance
- Frank Museum of Art, a renovated church that features rotating exhibits from the college's collection
- Art and Communication Building, which expanded the campus west of Alum Creek with the relocation of the Departments of Art and Communication
- Science Complex, which opens for classes in fall 2009
- Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Science, which opens for classes in fall 2009

## Academics

- 56 majors, as well as individualized fields of study
- Student to faculty ratio of 12:1
- Master's degree programs in nursing, education and business administration
- Overseas service-learning programs, including trips to Rwanda and Costa Rica
- Traditional study-abroad opportunities in England, the Netherlands, Sweden and other destinations

## Arts

- Otterbein College Theatre stages six shows a year, including annual Children's Theatre and Dance Concert
- The music program includes concert band, concert choir, opera theatre, marching band, vocal jazz and several vocal and instrumental ensembles
- Students perform with the Westerville Symphony at Otterbein
- The Otterbein Enrichment Series has hosted such notable speakers as acclaimed independent filmmaker Gus Van Sant and Joel Meyerowitz, with his acclaimed exhibition of photography from Ground Zero in the days after 9/11

## Athletics

Men and women compete in the Ohio Athletic Conference, NCAA Division III. There are eight varsity sports for men and women. A complete intramural program is available to all students. A new varsity men's lacrosse team is expected to begin competing in spring 2010.

Otterbein is ranked 15th among its 140 peers in the University-Master's (Midwest) category U.S. News and World Report's "Guide to America's Best Colleges"

## Community Service

The White House awarded Otterbein the President's Award for General Community Service in February 2008.

- Over 50,000 hours donated by Otterbein students
- 75% of the student body participated in community service in 2008-09
- 92 service-learning courses enrolled 1,135 students in 2008-09

## Student Profile

- 10% minority
- Middle 50% for ACT scores of incoming freshman is 22-26
- 35% of incoming freshmen are in top 20% of their high school class
- 80% of students who apply are admitted
- 95% of students receive financial aid
- Otterbein awards over \$17 million per year in grants and scholarships

## Student Media: Otterbein 360

Otterbein's student media has merged together to provide a cross-medium experience for students. Otterbein 360 can be found online at [www.otterbein360.com](http://www.otterbein360.com), which combines:

- Tan and Cardinal, award-winning student newspaper
- WOBN radio
- WOCC-TV



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