Come dine with us!
Non-members, including students, prospective students, alumni, community members, professors, family & friends are welcome to share a meal with us!

Lunch – 12:20pm
Dinner – 6:20pm

We ask that guests help clean up after their third meal with us. It’s also a great way to see the kitchen and get to know students in the co-op!

Oberlin Student Cooperative Association

Cooperative housing and dining for Oberlin College students since 1951

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What’s a co-op?
A cooperative is collectively owned, democratically controlled organization. In OSCA, students collectively decide how to live and dine and share in all the work.
For many OSCANs, a co-op is also like a family—a tight-knit community that eats, cooks, cleans and plays together.

Learning and Labor
Being in a co-op is the perfect complement to a liberal arts education. Not only do co-opers learn practical skills of cooking for large groups, but also how to reach democratic decisions through consensus, to formulate policy within a non-profit, and to make ethical, healthy and informed decisions about food.

2016-2017 Co-op Savings

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OSCA is less expensive than the College’s dining option because the members perform most of the work themselves instead of paying for someone else to do it. A member of OSCA works 4 to 5 hours a week (depending on the co-op).

Scholarships
As part of our goal to provide low-cost housing and dining, OSCA offers scholarships to students with financial need. For more information, email osca@oberlin.edu. (Applications are due by 4pm on September 14 and February 15.)

Time Aid
Each co-op also has a “time aid” policy that allows students with jobs on campus to put in fewer co-op hours based on how much they work. For example, for 10 hours a week of outside work you may get a credit for 2 of your co-op shifts (exact numbers vary).
Housing & Dining Co-ops

Harkness
The largest and perhaps most “lively” housing co-op, Harkness houses 66 and dines 110. Known for vegetarian cuisine and political activism.

Tank
The 42 housing and 82 dining members of Tank enjoy the tight community and out-of-the-way location. Plus it has a turret!

Dining-Only Co-ops

Keep
Located above the bike co-op, Keep Cottage sports cozy architecture, a porch swing, and youthful pizzazz. Keep houses 54 and dines an additional 20.

Fairchild
A co-op dedicated to food justice, Fairchild’s 60 members discuss in-depth their food-purchasing policy. Often voted a meat-free space by its members, Fairchild is a vegetarian/vegan co-op.

Old Barrows
“Old B” is home to many lovers of good food. Its 14-space housing is reserved as a safe space with priority for transgender students. The dining co-op feeds 85.

Third World
A tight-knit community designated as a safe space for people of color, low-income, first generation, and international students, Third World is known for family-style meals and excellent food. Membership is by application.

Pyle Inn
The largest dining co-op with 115 members, Pyle is ideally situated on north campus, making it more accessible to athletes. Pyle Inn is a more meat-friendly co-op, though vegetarians and vegans are always accommodated.

Brown Bag Co-op
Brown Bag serves upperclassmen living in Village or off-campus houses. Members work fewer co-op hours, and each week they get groceries to take home.

Dietary Needs
OSCA head cooks are trained to cook balanced meals for every member, taking into account any food allergies/intolerances or ethical preferences the members may have.

Co-op Jobs
 Although co-ops may spend most of their hours cooking and cleaning, there are a variety of other jobs necessary to make co-ops work. A few examples:

In your co-op
• Bread Maker
• Granola Maker
• Nutrition Coordinator
• Food Safety Coordinator
• Board Representative
• New Member Trainer
• Historian
• Etc.

All-OSCA positions
• President
• Treasurer
• Chair of Board
• Membership Secretary
• Operations Manager
• Etc.

Crew
Every member of OSCA (even the President) does at least one “crew,” or cleaning shift. This is often viewed as an equalizer—we all eat, we all clean.