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

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 OSCA members, 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.

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2015-2016 Co-op Savings

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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 17 and February 17.)

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 64 and dines 112. Known for vegetarian cuisine and political activism.

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.

Old Barrows
“Old B” is home to many lovers of good food. Its 14 housing members sometimes designate this a gender-aware space. The dining co-op feeds 85.

Tank
The 42 housing and 86 dining members of Tank enjoy the tight community and out-of-the-way location. Plus it has a turret!

Dining-Only Co-ops

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.

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.

Pyle Inn
The largest dining co-op, 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.

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.

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.

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.