PROVOST’S WELCOME

Jill Irvine, Interim Senior Associate Vice President and Provost

https://youtu.be/kQIDrqbzSAc

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

We look forward to welcoming you to our Norman Campus soon! In the meantime, we invite you to get to know just a bit of what the area has to offer.

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GIBBS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Gould Hall, Home of Gibbs College

Gibbs College Students Tour Diversifying Neighborhoods in Oklahoma City
GIBBS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Virtual Tour: Tour Gould Hall, the Creating_Making Lab and more!

https://architecture.ou.edu/maker-spaces/

Gibbs At a Glance:
- Oldest program established in 1916
- More than 650 students enrolled in seven academic programs: Architecture, Construction Science, Environmental Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design and Regional and City Planning
- 3 programs recently ranked by DesignIntelligence: Architecture, Interior Design & Landscape Architecture
- 7,000 sf Creating_Making lab

Resources:
- Gibbs College’s Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Belonging
  o https://architecture.ou.edu/diversity-inclusion/
- Gibbs College News Channel
  o https://gibbs.oucreate.com/home/
- Institute for Quality Communities
  o http://iqc.ou.edu/
- Sooner Spotlights: Meet the Gibbs College Community
- Gibbs College Dean Hans E. Butzer's Favorite Things for Students
  o https://youtu.be/0Vmtsi9-E50
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Springtime on the OU Campus

DACA Rally on the South Oval
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Virtual Tour: Explore our Campus


OU At a Glance: https://ou.edu/facultyrecruitment#fast-facts
- Established in 1890
- Carnegie R1 Institution (Very High Research Activity) known for its excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement
- 30,000+ students who originate from all 50 states and 120 different countries
- 2,700 full-time faculty in 21 Colleges (170+ Undergraduate Major Options)
- $255.6 million in research awards in FY 2020 (Norman campus)
- Class of 2024: 35.5% identify as minority students; 22% identify as first-generation college students

Resources:
- OU’s Strategic Plan
  - https://ou.edu/leadon
- Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - https://www.ou.edu/diversity
- Center for Faculty Excellence
  - https://www.ou.edu/cfe
- Office of the Vice President for Research and Partnerships
  - https://www.ou.edu/research-norman
- University Libraries
  - https://libraries.ou.edu/
- Community Engagement
  - https://www.ou.edu/communityengagement
- Native Nations Center
  - https://www.ou.edu/nativenationscenter
- Tom Love Innovation Hub
  - https://www.ou.edu/innovationhub
Norman, Oklahoma

Day of the Dead Festival, Norman

Native American Fancy Dancer, Norman
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

Festivals/Events, Selected (See more: https://www.visitnorman.com/events/)
- Sooner Theatre
  o https://www.soonertheatre.org
- Medieval Fair
  o https://medievalfair.org
- Concerts at Riverwind
  o https://www.riverwind.com/entertainment/events/
- Norman Music Festival
  o https://normanmusicfestival.com
- Jazz in June
  o http://jazzinjune.org/

Museums and Archives
- Western History Collection
  o https://libraries.ou.edu/content/western-history-collections-photographic-archives-division
- Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
  o https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu
- Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art
  o https://www.ou.edu/fjjma
- National Weather Museum and Science Center
  o https://nationalweathermuseum.com

Food/Drink (Unique)
Restaurants, Selected
- Legends Restaurant
  o https://www.legendstable.com
- Old School Bagel Café
  o https://oldschoolbagel.com
- The Mont
  o https://www.themont.com
- Ray’s BBQ
  o https://www.raysbbqok.com
- Syrup. (Brunch)
  o http://www.syrupbreakfast.com
- The Winston
  o https://thewinston.com
- Library Bar & Grill
  o https://www.yelp.com/biz/library-bar-and-grill-norman
- Benvenuti’s Ristorante
  o http://www.benvenutisristorante.com/menu
- Neighborhood JAM (Brunch)
  o https://thatsmyjamok.com
Bars/Wineries, Selected
- Native Spirits Winery
  o https://www.nativespiritswinery.com
- The Winston
  o https://thewinston.com
- Scratch Kitchen & Cocktails
  o https://eatatscratch.com/norman
- Black Mesa Brewery & Tap Room
  o https://www.blackmesabrewing.com

Coffee Shops, Selected
- Stella Nova
  o https://www.stellanova.com
- Michelangelo’s Coffee & Wine Bar
  o https://www.yelp.com/biz/michelangelos-coffee-and-wine-bar-norman
- Gray Owl Coffee
  o https://www.yelp.com/biz/gray-owl-coffee-norman

Parks/Outdoor Activities, Selected
- Lake Thunderbird State Park
  o https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/lake-thunderbird-state-park
- George Sutton Wilderness Park
  o https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/parks-recreation/parks/george-m-sutton-wilderness-park
- Belmar Golf Course
  o http://www.ilovethiscourse.com
- Legacy Park
  o https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/parks-recreation/parks/legacy-park

Indoor Activities, Selected
- Sooner Bowling Center
  o https://soonerbowl.com
- Pinto’s Palette
  o https://www.pinotspalette.com/norman

Unique Places, Selected
- National Weather Center
  o https://www.ou.edu/nwc
- Historic Campus Corner District
  o https://oucampuscorner.com
- Historic Downtown Norman
  o http://www.downtownnorman.com
- Stash: Good Things for All
  o https://www.stashok.com/
OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

Scissortail Park, Oklahoma City

Nonesuch, Oklahoma City
OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

Recommended Reading
*Boom Town* by Sam Anderson (*New York Times Editor’s Choice, [link]*)

Festivals/Events, Selected
- Shakespeare in the Park
  - [https://www.okshakes.org](https://www.okshakes.org)
- Chesapeake Energy Arena
  - [https://www.chesapeakearena.com](https://www.chesapeakearena.com)
- Civic Center Music Hall
  - [https://www.okcciviccenter.com](https://www.okcciviccenter.com)
- The Criterion
  - [https://criterionokc.com](https://criterionokc.com)
- Farmer’s Market
  - [https://www.okcfarmersmarket.com/](https://www.okcfarmersmarket.com/)
- Annual Events
  - [https://www.visitokc.com/events/annual-events/](https://www.visitokc.com/events/annual-events/)

Museums, Selected
- Oklahoma Contemporary
  - [https://oklahomacontemporary.org](https://oklahomacontemporary.org)
- Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum
  - [https://memorialmuseum.com](https://memorialmuseum.com)
- National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
  - [https://nationalcowboymuseum.org](https://nationalcowboymuseum.org)
- Science Museum Oklahoma
  - [https://www.sciencemuseumok.com](https://www.sciencemuseumok.com)
- Museum of Osteology
  - [https://www.skeletonmuseum.com](https://www.skeletonmuseum.com)
- Oklahoma City Museum of Art
  - [https://www.okcmoa.com](https://www.okcmoa.com)
- Oklahoma History Center
  - [https://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/](https://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/)

Food/Drink (Unique)
Restaurants, Selected
- Nonesuch (America’s Best New Restaurant, *Bon Appetit*)
  - [https://nonesuchokc.com/](https://nonesuchokc.com/)
- Vast
  - [https://www.vastokc.com](https://www.vastokc.com)
- Ludivine
  - [https://www.ludivineokc.com](https://www.ludivineokc.com)
- Hefner Grill
  - [https://hefnergrill.com](https://hefnergrill.com)
- The Moonlight Vegan
  - [https://blackvegansociety.com/](https://blackvegansociety.com/)
Coffee Shops, Selected
- Garden Café at Full Circle Bookstore
  o https://fullcirclebooks.com
- Clarity Coffee
  o https://www.claritycoffee.com
- Cuppies & Joe
  o https://www.cuppiesandjoe.com
- Elemental Coffee
  o https://elementalcoffee.com

Parks/Outdoor Activities, Selected
- Scissortail Park
  o https://scissortailpark.org
- Riversport Rapids & Adventures
  o https://www.visitokc.com/listings/riversport-rapids-%26-adventures/867/
- Lake Hefner
- Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge
  o https://www.visitokc.com/listings/stinchcomb-wildlife-refuge/5062/
- Myriad Botanical Gardens
  o https://oklahomacitybotanicalgardens.com/
- Wheeler District
  o https://www.wheelerdistrict.com
- Oklahoma City Zoo
  o https://www.okczoo.org
- Bricktown Water Taxi
  o https://bricktownwatertaxi.com
- Hiking trails
  o https://www.alltrails.com/us/oklahoma/oklahoma-city

Indoor Activities, Selected
- Factory Obscura (Immersive Art Experience)
  o https://www.factoryobscura.com/
- OKC Underground
  o https://downtownokc.com/underground/
- Brickopolis
  o https://www.brickopolisu.com
- Top Golf
  o https://topgolf.com/us/oklahoma-city/
- Pinot’s Palette
  o https://www.pinotspalette.com/bricktown
- OKC Outlets & Shopping Malls
- Full Circle Bookstore
  o https://fullcirclebooks.com
Commonplace Books  
- https://www.commonplacebooksokc.com

Historic Sites & Neighborhoods, Selected
- Black Liberated Arts Center  
  - https://www.blacinc.org/
- Asian District  
  - https://www.asiandistrictok.com/
- Automobile Ally  
  - https://www.automobilealley.org/
- Deep Deuce Neighborhood  
  - https://www.visitokc.com/about-okc/okc-districts/deep-deuce/
- Paseo Arts District  
  - https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g51560-d4713946-Reviews-Paseo_Arts_District-Oklahoma_City_Oklahoma.html
- Plaza District  
  - https://www.plazadistrict.org/

Unique Places, Selected
- Civic Center Music Hall  
  - https://www.okcciviccenter.com/
- Gold Dome  
- Bricktown  
  - https://www.bricktownokc.com
- Architectural DNA  
  - https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/architectural-dna
TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

Gathering Place, Tulsa

Black Wall Street, Tulsa
TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

Festivals/Venues, Selected
- Festivals
  o https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ok--tulsa/festivals/
- Tulsa Performing Arts Center
  o https://www.tulsapac.com
- BOK Center
  o https://www.bokcenter.com
- Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center
  o https://www.brokenarrowpac.com

Museums, Selected
- Philbrook Museum
  o https://philbrook.org
- Gilcrease Museum
  o https://gilcrease.org
- Greenwood Cultural Center & Black Wall Street
  o https://greenwoodculturalcenter.com/
- Tulsa Air and Space Museum
  o https://www.tulsamuseum.org

Parks/Outdoor Activities, Selected
- Gathering Place
  o https://www.gatheringplace.org
- Tulsa Architecture Foundation Tours
  o https://tulsaarchitecture.org/tours/
- Tulsa Zoo
  o http://tulsazoo.org
- Center of the Universe
  o https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g51697-d3211353-Reviews-Center_of_the_Universe-Tulsa_Oklahoma.html
- Tulsa Botanic Garden
  o https://tulsabotanic.org

Indoor Activities, Selected
- Oklahoma Aquarium
  o https://www.okaquarium.org
- Shuffle: Board Game Café
  o https://shufflestulsa.com
OKLAHOMA PLACES OF INTEREST

Charon's Garden, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur Oklahoma
OKLAHOMA PLACES OF INTEREST

Unique Architectural Sites in Oklahoma
- Okie Mod Squad (Info about Oklahoma’s midcentury architecture)
  o https://okcmod.com/
- Explore more
  o https://www.travelok.com/architecture

Outdoor Activities, Selected
- Wichita Mountains
  o https://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.8525
- Medicine Park (Unique Cobblestone Community near the Wichita Mtns.)
  o https://medicinepark.com
- Salt Plains State Park
  o https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/great-salt-plains-state-park
- Black Mesa
  o https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/black-mesa-state-park-nature-preserve
- Cavanal Hill (“World’s Largest Hill”)
  o https://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.1157
- State Parks
  o https://www.travelok.com/listings/search/1?tags[]=173

Historic Sites, Selected
- Chickasaw Cultural Center
  o https://www.chickasawculturalcenter.com
- Historic All-Black Town Tours
  o https://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.22240
- Route 66 Museum
  o https://www.okhistory.org/sites/route66
- Oklahoma History Center
  o https://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/index.php
- More Landmarks
  o https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/oklahoma/historical-landmarks-ok/
Land Acknowledgement

The University of Oklahoma is on the traditional lands of the Caddo Nation and the Wichita & Affiliated Tribes. This land was also once part of the Muscogee Creek and Seminole nations. It also served as a hunting ground, trade exchange point, and migration route for the Apache, Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa, and Osage nations. Today, 39 federally recognized Tribal nations dwell in what is now the State of Oklahoma as a result of settler colonial policies designed to confine and forcefully assimilate Indigenous peoples. Read our full land acknowledgement (link).

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