

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Oberlin College

RECOMMENDATION

Oberlin College meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2019, to coincide with the institution's next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Authorization will continue, contingent upon continuing accreditation from HLC. The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if the institution fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for authorization or is sanctioned by the HLC.

Profile: Oberlin College, established in 1833 in Oberlin, Ohio, is a premier liberal arts college with a world-renowned conservatory of music. Oberlin College has a distinctive history as the first institution to make the admission of African American students and women central to its mission. The Conservatory of Music was the first established conservatory in the United States.

Accreditation/Authorization: Oberlin College is a private, not-for-profit institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until its next reaffirmation review in 2018-2019. The institution has been authorized by the Chancellor since February 1970. The Conservatory of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Program Offerings: Oberlin College offers undergraduate programs through the College of Arts and Sciences and the Conservatory of Music. In addition, Oberlin College has graduate programs in music and music teacher education programs that are recognized by the State of Ohio.

Institutional Changes: Since the institution's last reauthorization review, the institution has engaged in a strategic planning process and has new institutional leadership. The strategic plan re-affirmed the college's commitment to "graduate individuals who are humane, thoughtful and influential, and influential actors in the world who will provide leadership in their communities and professions and in the arts, politics, international relations, public service, science, business and communications."

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End of Comment Period: December 7, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED


Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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Date

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