

Dear New Sooner,

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Sooner Family! During the next few years, I hope you will take advantage of all the OU community has to offer.



As you begin your first year of college, you will be faced with many first-time experiences. You will be living away from your parents, eating when and what you want, setting up your own study and class schedules, and joining various clubs and organizations. The Division of Student Affairs is here to help you with many of these choices. We work to ensure that every student has access to services and support needed to graduate from a top ranked university.

Seventy percent of your learning at college takes place outside the classroom. OU offers many opportunities for you to become involved on campus. Whether you participate in one of our many cultural organizations, intramurals, or in one of over 300 registered student organizations, you will find a perfect match for your interests.

I encourage you to take the time to enjoy our beautiful campus, the faculty, staff, other students and the rich experiences that our campus has to offer. Take a moment to walk around campus during your free time and talk with other students. You will find that the University of Oklahoma has a wealth of opportunities available to you, and I am sure you will make the most of them through your graduation.

Welcome to the University of Oklahoma and your first days as a Sooner!

Boomer Sooner,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarke Stroud". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Clarke A. Stroud
University Vice President for Student Affairs
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Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs provides the out-of-classroom experiences that define university life for students.

The goal of Student Affairs at the University of Oklahoma is to recruit students reflecting the rich diversity of our state and global population and to provide those students, once enrolled, with co-curricular programs, activities and services that:

- *strengthen the educational environment for learning*
- *facilitate the development of student talents and abilities as well as the achievement of their educational and career goals*
- *enhance the sense of community and the overall quality of campus life.*

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Career Services assists students with career exploration, internships, cooperative education, graduate and professional school applications and professional employment. The staff provides programs that facilitate contact between students and employers and teach career decision making and job-search skills. For on- or off-campus student jobs, contact OU's Office of Human Resources at 325-1826.

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The Center for Leadership Development prepares students for leadership roles and responsibilities through educational programming and serves as a resource center for student organizations. The leadership center also coordinates the campus awards and recognition programs.

Programs and Services: Campus Awards, Read & Lead Book Club, Leadership OU Seminar Series, Peer Education Team (OU LEAD Team), Peer Management (pm+), Resource Library, OU Parents' Association.

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Disability and Judicial Services works to provide equal educational opportunity and full participation for all OU students, faculty, staff and visitors. Services include both programmatic and architectural access. Additionally, this department is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the university discipline system, due process under the Academic Misconduct Code and alcohol education programs.

Programs and services: Access services for students, faculty/staff with disabilities, Campus Discipline, Student Code Publication, Academic Misconduct and Alcohol Education.

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HSC Student Affairs is helping develop a Sooner community of health-care professionals through recruitment, retention, and recreational programs and services. The HSC Student Affairs office provides oversight for campus student organizations and student government, coordinates student development and community-based programs for health professions awareness, oversees Union and recreational services and provides counseling services for Health Sciences Center students through Student Counseling Services.

Programs and services: Campus Awards, Campus Life, Community Services, Counseling Services, Fitness Programs, International Student Services, Intramurals, Multicultural Student Services, Prospective Student Services, Student Government, Student Health Insurance, Student Organizations, Testing and Writing Center.

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Named in honor of George Henderson, civil rights scholar and lecturer and founder of OU's Human Relations program and former dean of the College of Liberal Studies, the Henderson Scholars Program annually recruits a diverse class of outstanding high school students by providing these students with privately funded scholarships and a stimulating intellectual experience. Through a speaker series, a mentor component, a newsletter and a retreat, the program encourages the Henderson Scholars to actively engage in community service and to mentor and think critically and independently with their peers about a variety of societal issues - from the local campus level to a global level.

Programs and services: Community Service, Diversity Programs, Mentors, Leadership Retreat, Scholarships, Speaker Series and Think Tank.

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Housing and Food Services provides high-quality housing, dining and catering services that enhance the educational experience of our students and meet the needs of the entire University community.

University Housing consists of several inviting residence halls for all students and apartments for upperclass and graduate students. On-campus housing provides students with a full array of amenities and all the conveniences of campus. Housing serves approximately 5,000 students, and the department promotes an educational environment that supports the academic mission of the university.

With over 30 restaurant concepts in 14 locations around campus, there is always an eatery close by. Food Services offers a wide variety of students' favorite foods, made to order, on the line, to ensure the freshest and most authentic tasting foods are available. Healthy options are offered across campus and the Food Services staff works well with students who have special dietary needs. Campus restaurants are open "around the clock" to provide students dining options 24 hours a day. Best of all, meal plans give students access to all of these restaurants, foods and services.

Programs and services: Campus Dining, Campus Housing, Catering Services, Computer Labs, Concierge Services, Leadership Opportunities, Student Employment, Tutoring and University Apartments.

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Oklahoma Memorial Union is the living room of the university, a place for students to study and relax. The Union has several lounges, a dance floor, a game room, ATMs and a food court that houses seven restaurants, at least one of which is open 24 hours a day. A variety of shops is available, including a university bookstore, art gallery, travel agency, post office, copy shop and credit union. The Union has a computer lab, network connections in the Clarke-Anderson Room and wireless ethernet throughout most of the building. The Union also has meeting rooms available for student organization meetings, dinners, receptions and dances. The Union is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Programs and services: ATMs, Auditorium, Ballroom, Bookstore, Computer Lab, Copy Services, Credit Union, Game Room, Meeting Rooms, Restaurants, Post Office, Student Lounges and Travel Services.

Recreational Services

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Recreational Services provides recreational sports programs, fitness services and facilities to complement students' academic pursuits. Huston Huffman Center, the university's recreation center, offers a state-of-the-art weight room, climbing wall, cardio room, an indoor track, eight basketball courts, volleyball, badminton, racquetball, and squash. Recreational Services also offers a variety of team, individual and special event sport opportunities through the intramural program. The OU pool offers swim lessons, water aerobics, lap and recreational swim. Each week the OU fitness program offers students a variety of group fitness classes. Recreational Services is honored to be an important part of OU's health and wellness programs available to the students.

Programs and services: Adaptive Sports, Group Fitness Classes, Exercise, Fitness Programs, Intramural Sports, Recreation, Swimming and Wellness Programs

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Student Health Services provides a broad range of health-care services for injured or ill students. The center hosts regular health fairs and activities focusing on health issues and healthy lifestyle choices. Students may call for an appointment or more information, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Programs and services: Laboratory, Pharmacy, Women's Center, Physical Therapy, X-ray and Health Promotion.

Counseling and Testing Services

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Counseling and Testing Services' counselors help students resolve problems and develop new skills that will enhance their lives. Additionally, college and graduate admissions tests, proficiency exams and career counseling are available. Students may call for an appointment or more information, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Student Life provides motivation, encouragement, guidance and support to students throughout their collegiate experience. Students may participate in a wide range of program opportunities that enhance their academic pursuit. Student Life's program and services include: Academic Support, Diversity Programs, Fraternities and Sororities, International Student Programs, Orientation Programs, Scholarship Programs, Student Organizations, Transfer Student Programs and Women's Outreach Center.

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Student Media provides professional, hands-on experience for students interested in journalism and related fields. Students write, edit, design and sell advertising for *The Oklahoma Daily*, OU's daily newspaper; oudaily.com; and a variety of book and magazine-style publications, including *Sooner*, *Crimson Traditions*, *Sower* and *The Scene*, a weekly arts and entertainment magazine. Students from all academic majors are invited to apply for more than 100 paid and volunteer positions in the department. Training and media leadership development programs enhance the experience for students working on these national award-winning products.

Programs and services: Advertising, Campus Newspaper, Media Leadership, oudaily.com and Yearbook.

Volunteer Programs

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The office of Volunteer Programs helps students get connected with more than 100 non-profit agencies located throughout the state, all of which are in need of volunteers.

Programs and services: Volunteer Programs, Adopt a Professor, Arbor Day, Adopt an Area, Special Olympics and United Way Day of Caring



University of Oklahoma
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What Is a Sooner?

College sports fans are hard-pressed to find a nickname that is as unique and as linked to a state's history as a Sooner. The University of Oklahoma is the only school whose students and fans are known as Sooners.

The Oklahoma Territory opened with the Land Run of 1889. Settlers from across the globe, seeking free land, made their way to the prairies of the plains to stake their claim to a new life. One of the few rules to claiming a lot of land was that all participants were to start at the same time. Those who went too soon were called "Sooners."

As time went on, "Sooner" came to be a synonym of progressivism. The Sooner was an "energetic individual who travels ahead of the human procession." Sooners were prosperous, ambitious, competent, "can-do" individuals. And Oklahoma was the Sooner State, the land of opportunity, enterprise and economic expansion.

OU athletics teams were called either Rough Riders or Boomers for 10 years before the current Sooner nickname emerged in 1908. The university actually derived the name from a pep club called "The Sooner Rooters."



“Boomer Sooner”

In 1905, Arthur M. Alden, a student in history and physiology, wrote the lyrics to the University’s “Boomer Sooner,” borrowing the tune from Yale University’s “Boola Boola” but improvising the words. A year later, an addition was made to it from North Carolina’s “I’m a Tarheel Born,” and the two were combined to form the university’s battle song of today:

*Boomer Sooner, Boomer Sooner,
Boomer Sooner, Boomer Sooner,
Boomer Sooner, Boomer Sooner,
Boomer Sooner, O-K-U.
Oklahoma, Oklahoma,
Oklahoma, Oklahoma,
Oklahoma, Oklahoma,
Oklahoma, O-K-U.
I’m a Sooner born, and a Sooner bred
And when I die, I’ll be a Sooner dead!
Rah Oklahoma, Rah Oklahoma,
Rah Oklahoma, O-K-U!*

“OU Chant”

The “OU Chant” was written in 1936 by Jessie Lone Clarkson Gilkey, who directed the OU girls glee club from 1936 to 1938 and was voted Outstanding Faculty Woman in 1937. It is a loyalty song sung at most major University events. Every fan in crimson and cream, current students and OU alumni are encouraged to stand and raise one finger in the air during the playing of the Chant – a symbolic gesture of the greatness of the university and the unity between all Sooners.

*O-K-L-A-H-O-M-A
Our Chant rolls on and on!
Thousands strong join heart and song
In alma mater’s praise.
Of campus beautiful by day and night,
Of colors proudly gleaming red and white
’Neath a Western sky, OU’s chant will never die.
Live on, University!*

