

**Olivet Nazarene University**

**International Student**

**Ambassador**

**Training Manual**

**2021-2022**



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# Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) Values Statements

- **Professionalism**

- We aim for excellence, competence, and a second-to-none approach to recruiting students while being held to measurable standards.
- We represent the highest standards of Olivet in our dress, speech, work ethic, authenticity, and service, recognizing that we shape others' perceptions of the University.
- We possess and exhibit a good moral character with strong Christian values.

- **Service**

- We demonstrate personal attention to and compassion for those we serve, working for the good of prospective students and their families, our colleagues, Olivet, and the Kingdom.
- We joyfully serve others while serving God.

- **Commitment**

- We work with passion and purpose, loyal to the mission of Olivet and the Church while dedicated to our own spiritual, physical and emotional wellness.

- **Integrity**

- What is meant is said, what is said is done, and what is done is done well, as we aim to earn the trust of prospective students, their families, and each other.

# **International Student Ambassador Job Description**

***We are the International Student Services (ISS), and our mission is to introduce prospective students and their families to the great lifetime opportunities at ONU and make it seem like home to them - and that is what we will continue to do...anytime...anywhere.***

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*“Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” — Romans 12:13*

- Welcome our guests.
  - Use proper etiquette. Always remember what and Whom you represent!
  - Be respectful of the language barrier.
  
- Talk with students when they arrive on campus.
  - Do not be afraid!
  - Listen.
  - Ask questions. If you don't know the answer, don't be afraid to say “I don't know.” Then be sure to find someone who does.
  - Learn names and country of origin.
  - Find out about the students interests and aptitudes and let him/her know where to fit in socially on campus.
  
- Give tour and have lunch or dinner with guests during orientation.
  - Introduce students to people you bump into along the way. Keep introduction and conversation brief.
  - Adapt your tour according to guests' needs and interests.
  
- Work special events.
  - Orientation
  - Welcome Pizza night
  - Thanksgiving Meal
  - Miscellaneous events
  
- Handle ISS desk and phone calls when needed.
  - Be courteous and professional on the phone.
  - Be very understanding and polite responding to emails. Respectful of language difference.
  - File and scan documents
  - Answering emails when necessary – email communication is very important
  - Provide necessary information for document submission
  - Create and upkeep international blog
  
- Recruitment
  - Maintain relationships with prospective students.
  - Establish rapport/friendship with prospective students (learn names, follow up with e-mails, texts).
  - Provide as much information as necessary to help student feel welcome
  - Encourage student to attend campus events
  
- Perform duties as assigned by ISS staff

**2021-2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AMBASSADOR CONTRACT**

**International Student Services Office**

I, the undersigned, agree to serve as an international student ambassador for Olivet Nazarene University's International Student Services Office for the school year, 2021-2022. It is understood that I will:

1. Be a current Olivet Nazarene student and have completed at least 2 semesters at the Olivet Nazarene University
2. Be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university
3. Be in good standing with immigration
4. Maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA
5. Possess strong communication and interpersonal skills
6. Attend Ambassador Training and International Student Orientation when required.
7. Maintain a positive attitude and reflect the model behavior of a campus leader with ONU standards and goals.
8. Maintain a consistent life of Christian service, dedication, and witness.
9. Create an inclusive and welcoming environment to incoming international students by being caring and involved.
10. Actively engage with new international students and offer support during Orientation.
11. Serve as a point of contact for new international students throughout the academic year.
12. Assist in planning activities and events
13. Attend various trainings and meetings throughout the academic semester.
14. Represent ISS and the Olivet Nazarene University in a professional and positive manner
15. Be knowledgeable of home country of prospective students.
16. Not have more than three chapel absences per semester.
17. Work approximately 6-8 hours per week in office.
18. Be available to work most scheduled events.
19. Dress modestly and appropriately for someone representing Olivet Nazarene University. Maintain dress code.
20. Understand that information about prospective students is to remain confidential and must not be shared or discussed outside the International Student Services Office.

## 2021-2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AMBASSADOR CONTRACT, cont'd

I understand that my compensation will be **\$1,500.** per academic year, according to the following guidelines:

### Ambassador Scholarship Requirements

- During Orientation Days (8:00am – 4:00pm) you are required to be in admissions (or respective event areas, tours, lunches, etc.).
  - You must work a **minimum** of **4 hours** during this time.
  - **If you cannot work the minimum four hours for third Orientation day, your scholarship will either be decreased accordingly (75%, 50%, etc.) or you will be scheduled for extra host assignments.**
  - You must be available to host the Welcome Pizza night, Thanksgiving Meal, Ice Cream Social and one other event.
  - You cannot receive scholarship if you are eligible and receiving tuition remission or full scholarship amounts at ONU.

### Ambassador Contract Details

- Scholarship dollars are awarded per semester provided you meet the above criteria.
- You are **not** to clock in during your “scholarship covered” hours if applicable. The ISS director will clock you in during a scholarship event for the hours you would normally be scheduled to work on **that day of the week** (Saturday counts as scholarship hours only - unless you are working more than the required number of Saturdays). If you are not scheduled to work on Fridays, you are still required to be in the ISS office for your minimum of 2 hours or more depending on your schedule to prepare for event days.
  - Schedules will be set and your attendance & punctuality is required.
- Scholarship Includes:
  - On and off Campus Events
  - Approximately two Saturdays per year.
  - Campus Tours:
    - This includes Purple and Gold days as well as individual visits if applicable.
  - Orientation III and January Orientation
  - International event days
  - Ambassador team meeting – TBA

## 2021-2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AMBASSADOR CONTRACT, cont'd

I personally commit to attend the following nonnegotiable event dates:

### Ambassador Training

Orientation III (for international students)

Purple and Gold Days (only for Int'l students)

Some events on campus

January Orientation

### Event Days

Welcome Pizza Night

Halloween pumpkin Carving\*

Bowling night\*

Thanksgiving Meal

Ice Cream Social

\*Not a set time of year

### Ambassador Schedule Details

- Our goal is that every ambassador would work approximately 7-8 hours per week for the scholarship.
- Your scheduled shift attendance and punctuality is required. If for any reason you are unable to be in ISS office during your scheduled shift, you will need to call, or send an e-mail or text ahead of time to your ambassador supervisor. **Also, you are to find a replacement ambassador to cover your shift if it is a required event.**
- All required meetings will fall under the scholarship amount.
- Your hourly compensation will be set at the current ONU student rate.

I understand that additional hourly pay will be given for the following:

- Travel to grocery/department stores, doctors, banks or Social Security– authorized by supervisor
- Athletic recruiting days not on the day of a previously scheduled Admissions event

## 2021-2022 STUDENT AMBASSADOR CONTRACT cont'd

In addition, I will abide by the University's Community Lifestyle Covenant:

*We believe that Jesus Christ can be the foundation and center of every individual's life.*

*We believe in preserving God's moral laws, the civil laws, and the wise judgment of abstaining from certain practices that have negative effects on human physical and moral well-being.*

*We believe in the development of a campus community supporting Christian values and spiritual development.*

*We believe in providing an educational environment that enhances the quality of life for both the individual and the campus community.*

*We believe Christian praise and worship promotes the development and clarification of values and priorities, while providing guidance relating to crucial life choices.*

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*Believing in these values and committing to prepare students to pursue avenues of service to God, the community, and the world at large, the University welcomes each student into the Olivet community and enters with students into a lifestyle covenant that reflects the values of our community.*

- *Chapel attendance is required twice a week and during special fall and spring revival services. Successful completion of the chapel requirement is necessary for continued enrollment at Olivet.*
- *Discretion in entertainment choices must be exercised. Productions, music, language and role-playing games that feature the violent, the sensual, the pornographic, the profane or the occult are to be avoided. Students also should refrain from all forms of gambling.*
- *Possession or use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or any controlled substance (including but not limited to narcotics, hallucinogenic or illegal drugs) is prohibited. The possession or display of related paraphernalia is also prohibited. The use of such substances can create an environment that can be harmful to a student both physically and spiritually. Students are expected to refrain from attending parties, clubs, bars, and any other social gatherings that would encourage the use of such substances.*
- *Personal conduct choices must reflect Biblical morality (including, but not limited to, abstaining from sexual promiscuity).*
- *Modesty of dress should be observed at all times. Specific policies are listed in the University Life Handbook.*
- *Nightly in-hours and a daily atmosphere of quiet respect are to be observed in the residential living halls.*
- *All community members (including, but not limited to, University officials, resident assistants, and other students) should be treated with respect and cooperation. Honesty is expected at all times.*

*Recognizing that the Olivet community is intended to be positive, challenging, and redemptive, I agree to comply with and uphold the above lifestyle covenants for the community as well as all additional policies described in the University Life Handbook.*



**2019-2020 STUDENT AMBASSADOR CONTRACT cont'd**

I have read and agree to the aforementioned guidelines. It is also understood that:

1. Jesus Christ is my personal Savior and Lord.
2. I have read the student ambassador job description and will fulfill it to the best of my ability.
3. A student ambassador who does not fulfill this contract or the agreements outlined in the job description may be subject to termination.
4. A student ambassador in violation of the Lifestyle Covenant may be subject to immediate termination.
5. Additional employment is subject to approval and will not exceed 20 hours per week. Any volunteer service hours must also be approved in advance.
6. A student ambassador is required to meet all chapel attendance requirements.

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Print Name

Signature

Date

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Supervisor Signature

Date

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Director of International Student Services

Date

# Warning System

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I, the undersigned, hereby recognize that I have been given my **FIRST warning** as a student employee in the office of International Student Services.

- 1.) I understand that this formal warning is due to one or more of the following:
  - my first unexcused absence or tardy during a scheduled work shift or ambassador meeting
  - failing to respond to a guest email within 24 hours
  - a lack of work integrity while on the clock, and/or an overall attitude of disrespect
  - insubordination as a student employee in the office of International Student Services.
- 2.) I agree that I will **not** allow the previously stated issue to occur again, but if it does I will receive my second warning.
- 3.) I understand and agree that a second offense will result in a second written warning followed by a required 2 weeks without working.
- 4.) I understand and agree that upon my third written warning I will be dismissed as an employee of the International Student Services office.

**By signing below I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this first written warning.**

\*\*\* EXAMPLE ONLY \*\*\*

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| Student Name | Student Signature | Date |
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| Supervisor Name | Supervisor Signature | Date |
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## Ambassador Dress Code | 2021-2022

*These standards are to create an atmosphere that is professional and inviting to a diversity of prospective students and their families – and to eliminate what might be distractions for some. We want students to not only see Olivet as a place where they can belong but also as an opportunity to develop professionally.*

### All Ambassadors:

- Meet all school dress code requirements as outlined in the University Life Handbook
- Collared shirts, nicely fitted shirts preferred (no standard graphic t-shirts, unless ONU Admissions)
- Nice fitted hoodies (plain or ONU—no graphics of other schools or brands)
- **Not permitted in the office:** shorts of any kind, athletic tennis shoes, ripped jeans, wrinkled clothing
- Assigned event-wear should be visible to serve its purpose and not entirely covered by sweaters, jackets and scarves
- Nice sandals are permitted (no flip flops)
- Summer event dress: khakis, jeans, purple polo, ONU t-shirt & event wear
- Jewelry, piercings, make-up, hair styles/accessories, tattoos and other embellishments should be complimentary and not a distraction as you highlight Olivet.
- Be positive, presentable and professional as you represent ONU!
- "When in doubt...don't"

### Ladies:

- Only earrings and small stud facial piercings.
- Be extremely mindful of dress/skirt lengths (no shorter than an ID card length above the knee cap—this includes the front AND back of skirt).
- No off-shoulder shirts/dresses in the office without a sweater or cover; no visible straps.
- Summer dresses should be appropriate length all around.
- Hair should be neat and clean; please avoid "messy hair buns", hats in the office, and flashy headbands at work.

### Gentlemen:

- Earrings – small sized stud type earrings only.
- Facial hair must be well groomed.
- Preferred that you wear a belt.
- No athletic tennis shoes.

# What it means to be an International Ambassador!

*International student ambassadors provide a free service to prospective and incoming international undergraduate students by sharing their knowledge about living and studying overseas at Olivet Nazarene University. International students are each other's biggest advocate.*

- **Share your experience.** International student ambassadors relay their experience to prospective international students at different stages in the college application process. For example, students can learn how international ambassadors applied to the university and chose their major. Students can connect with an ambassador who is from their country of origin, speaks the same language or is in their planned major.
- **Answer specific questions.** Prospective international students can ask ambassadors questions on everything from university life to housing, such as dorm size, food locations, driver's license, bus routes, church locations, working on campus, and social events.
- **Provide practical tips.** Ambassadors can also provide advice on aspects that prospective international students may not have thought of, such as how to drop/add a class, where to get books more cheaply, what kinds of cell phones work better for that location, clothing for weather, or university breaks.
- **ONU may also connect international students with ambassadors once the students are enrolled.** This gives the prospective student the chance to chat online prior to arriving, asking questions and getting to know someone before arriving.
- **Creating Friends.** When it comes to making new friends, international students may gravitate toward students from their own country. ONU suggests they, instead, plan to expand their social circles.
- **Admissions Criteria:** minimum 18 ACT, 2.0 GPA
- **About the Application:**
  - Deadline is May 1 for the fall; exceptions can be made by director of International Student Services
  - Application fee is free online
  - Tuition deposit \$200 is waived for international students.

# Campus Tours | 2021-2022

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**Pre-tour** Check the file to glean important info like their status (FR vs. TR and/or year in high school), what they have done already and what the rest of the day holds.

\* Below refers to **BUILDINGS** you will actually go inside.

## Introduction

- Greet the family and introduce yourself. During the introduction, get their names. Explain to them that you will be their campus tour guide.
- If needed, introduce families to one another
- Ask if you can get them anything before leaving
- As you are walking out, try to get to know your student so you can customize the tour—ask if they have been to campus before.

## \*ETERNAL FLAME — “Education With a Christian Purpose”

- Point out that this is Olivet’s mission statement
- Olivet’s main mission is to provide a *high-quality education* while striving to integrate faith, sound morals and ethics into the classroom
- Continuously strives to prepare and challenge one professionally as well as spiritually
- Offer examples from your personal experience; talk about time spent in the classrooms (prayer before lectures, the sharing of Scripture, emphasize the quality of the education you are receiving, etc.)

## \*LUDWIG CENTER

- Main level:
  - Cafeteria (also talk about different locations for meals across campus, dining hall hours)
  - Common Grounds (brews Starbucks coffee, coffee shop hours, place to do homework, catch up with friends, relax in between classes)
  - Bookstore (Olivet gear, textbooks for class)
- Upstairs offices:
  - Student Development, Chaplain’s Office
- Downstairs:
  - Recreation area (pool tables, Ping-Pong table)
  - Red Room
  - Campus mail boxes & Post Office (if boxes are still there)

## COLLEGE CHURCH - Point out

- 10:30am Sunday service, lot of opportunities to serve w/children & youth—college age classes
- Mention other churches in the area as well

### **\*CENTENNIAL CHAPEL**

- Named in honor of *Betty and Kenneth Hawkins*
- Ruffatti Organ- is the creation of Fratelli Ruffatti of Pauda, Italy (in Northern Italy, about 35 miles from Venice). He is one of the world's most distinguished pipe organ builders.
- Auditorium is named in honor of Cecil and Miriam Crawford
  - Cecil Crawford - started TicketMaster
  - Seats over 3,000 people
  - Only opportunity twice a week the entire campus comes together
  - Variety of speakers from across different denominations and disciplines (authors, artists, athletes, etc.)

### **WISNER HALL OF NURSING - Point out in passing**

- You can just point to it (show nursing majors; chances are they have seen it in a meeting with a professor)

### **\*WEBER BUSINESS CENTER – Brief time inside**

- Inform them that this is one of the *academic* buildings on campus
- Make mention of the several departments: Computer Science; Social Sciences (psychology, sociology); FACS; History; Education
- Speak of student to teacher ratio *17:1*
- Can make mention of the computer labs offered

### **\*PERRY STUDENT LIFE AND RECREATION CENTER – depending on interest should depend on length of stop**

- Eight-lane, 200 meter running track with Mondo surface
- *Two pools*, including a 10-lane competition pool with a constant depth of 2 meters
- Four-story rock climbing wall
- Four basketball courts
- Workout facilities
- Large game area
- Spacious central lounge where students can gather for recreation or study
- Several classrooms

### **CHALFANT – mention while walking down the hall**

- Mention it is used as an all-purpose room; has the ability to host banquets or be used as a recreational room for athletics to practice in.
- Mention class events, Candy Costume, etc...

### **\*McHIE ARENA – quick stop**

- Main campus gymnasium
- Hosts sports events as well as concerts
- All students can get into sporting events for free with student ID
- Mention student discount card

## **TIGER DEN**

- Talk meal plans as well as other eating locations
- Make mention of the convenience of bagged lunches (can eat outside on nice day, can take lunch to your room to study)

## **MILLER BUSINESS CENTER - Point out in passing**

- Student Accounts located here as well

## **DORMS:**

### **Parrott Hall**

- Point it out in passing
- Freshman female dormitory

### **McClain Hall**

- Point it out in passing
- Mention it is an upperclass female dormitory

### **\*Williams Hall**

- Freshman female dormitory
- Talk about the benefit of making tuition deposit
- Share own dorm experiences

### **Nesbitt Hall**

- Point it out in passing
- Freshman male dormitory

### **Hills Hall**

- Point it out in passing
- Upperclassman and transfer male dormitory

### **\*CHAPMAN HALL**

- One of the freshman male dorms
- Talk about the benefit of making tuition deposit
- Share own dorm experiences

## **BENNER LIBRARY – Stay outside on front side**

- Inform them of the late and flexible hours for student usage
- Mention:

- Computer stations and booths (students can check e-mail, work on papers, conduct research, etc.)
- Computer lab on the main level; mention the other computer lab located on the lower level (let students know that the computers are available to write papers, do research, and print)
- "I" share with other universities
- Another Café location
- Academic Coaching Center
- **Career Center:** offers various *professional* resources
  - Assist in résumé-building
  - They put on various career fairs that allow students to submit résumés and network with potential employers
  - They have a resource center and computer lab where students can use job-search tools

#### **Inner Campus/Quad- Point out**

- Share any personal stories about campus life (cookouts that are offered to students occasionally, etc.)

#### **Planetarium - Point out**

- Elementary school visits
- Provide shows to students and community
- Strickler Planetarium new projector system ranks first in the state in digital capabilities; one of only three planetariums in Illinois with digital projection capabilities
- Dome size ranks fourth in the state for physical size

#### **\*BURKE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – Go into lobby under chandelier**

- One of the oldest and most historic buildings on campus, built in 1907
- Dr. Chenoweth, President
- Registrar, academic deans and VP of Academic Affairs offices located on main floor;
- Mention different departments
  - Lower Level: Mathematics
  - Third Floor: School of Theology and Christian Ministry
  - Fourth Floor: English and Modern Languages
- Show campus map as you conclude to gain better understanding of the surrounding areas around campus, campus apartment options as upperclassman

#### **LARSON MUSIC CENTER - Point out**

Mention the several choirs and/or instrumental groups

- Mention Kresge auditorium and Broadway Review, fall play, spring musical, music concerts for choirs and instrumental groups



## **ART DEPT - LOCATED ACROSS STREET**

- Music and Art departments located in here
- Speak of the Department of Art, mention student art shows available for viewing

## **REED HALL OF SCIENCE- Point out**

- Mention recent major building renovation to expand growing engineering department.
- All science labs and most classrooms for biology, chemistry, business, etc.

## **HEALTH SERVICE - Point out**

- Full-time nurse on staff 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday – Friday
- On Fridays, a doctor comes in and can write out needed prescriptions

## **Center for Student Success - Point out**

- Counseling and Career Center located here
- Counseling Center: offers free services to Olivet students
  - Counselors are trained professionals
  - They also provide support groups for students

## **\*HOME BASE**

- Make sure to ask for questions
- Did they see everything they wanted to see?
- Follow up on questions not answered earlier
- After saying goodbye, take notes on the student and their family
- WRITE YOUR FOLLOW-UP POST CARD
- Ambassador should discreetly connect with the director if time permits

## **Notes: Campus Tours**

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## FAST FACTS | 2019-2020

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- 4,900 total students, 2,900 traditional undergraduate students
- 29 international students from over 25 different countries
- Student-Faculty Ratio: 17:1
- Approximately 75% of Faculty holds a doctoral degree in their field of study
- ACT average: 24
- Average retention rate: 77 percent for freshman to sophomore year
- Gender Lines: 45 percent male, 55 percent female in the undergraduate student body
- Geographically Speaking: Student body comes from 40 states and 25 countries
- Campus: 35 major buildings, 275 acres
- History: Founded in 1907 by a group of families who wanted a distinctively Christian education for their children
- 90 clubs, 21 study-abroad opportunities, 28 intramural sports, with more than 3,200 participants, 22 local and global mission trips, 21 intercollegiate sports
- Most Populated Majors:
  - Engineering, Business, Nursing, Biology, Education, Exercise Science, Communication
    - 10% of our freshman class is typically undecided/undeclared –the university has faculty and programs to help students navigate the first year successfully
- Denominational Breakdown: More than 30 percent Nazarene and more than 40 other denominations represented
- Olivet offers more than 120 areas of study through our School of Business, School of Engineering, School of Life and Health Sciences, School of Education, School of Music, School of Theology and Christian Ministry and the College of Arts and Sciences. Accredited through the Higher Learning Commission. Certain programs have more specific accreditations.

# Areas of Study | 2021-2022

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The University offers more than 120 traditional undergraduate areas of study for majors, minors, or concentrations:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Art – Drawing/Illustration
- Art – Digital Graphics
- Art – Painting
- Art - Photography
- Art (Education)
- Athletic Coaching
- Athletic Training
- Biblical Languages
- Biology
- Biology Teaching
- Business Administration
- Business – Healthcare Mgmt.
- Business – Human Resource Management
- Business - Management
- Business – Not-For-Profit/Philanthropy
- Business – Operations Management
- Business – Public Administration
- Chemistry
- Chemistry – Biochemistry
- Chemistry - Forensics
- Chemistry Teaching
- Child Development
- Children's Ministry
- Christian Education
- Communication Studies
- Communication Teaching
- Computer Science
- Corporate Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement
- Dietetics
- Early Childhood Education
- Earth & Space Science Teaching
- Economics
- Economics & Finance – Applied Economics
- Economics & Finance – Certified Financial Planning
- Economics & Finance – Corporate Finance
- Elementary Education
- Engineering – Architectural
- Engineering – Chemical
- Engineering – Civil
- Engineering – Computer
- Engineering – Electrical
- Engineering – Environmental
- Engineering – Industrial
- Engineering – Mechanical
- Engineering – Software
- English
- English as a Second Language
- English as a Second Language Teaching
- English Education
- Environmental Science
- Exercise Science
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Family & Consumer Sciences – Family Studies
- Family & Consumer Sciences – Hospitality
- Family & Consumer Sciences – Education
- Fashion Merchandising
- Finance
- French
- General Studies
- Geography
- Geological Science
- Greek
- Health Education
- Hebrew
- History
- History Teaching
- Information Systems
- Information Technology
- Intercultural Studies
- Interior Design
- International Business
- Leadership Studies

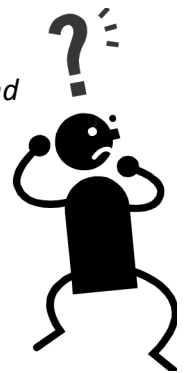
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- Legal Studies
- Literature
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Marketing – Commercial Graphics
- Marketing – International
- Marketing – Management
- Marketing – Public Relations
- Mass Communication
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Military Affairs
- Military Science
- Ministerial Missions
- Multimedia Communication
- Multimedia Communication – Film Studies
- Multimedia Communication – Journalism
- Multimedia Communication – Live Event Media Management
- Multimedia Communication – Ministry Media
- Multimedia Communication – Radio/Record Industry
- Multimedia Communication – TV/Video Production
- Music
- Music Composition
- Music Education
- Music Ministry
- Music Performance
- Musical Theatre
- Nursing
- Pastoral Ministry
- Philosophy
- Physical Education & Health Teaching
- Physical Sciences
- Political Science
- Pre-Art Therapy
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician's Assistant
- Pre-Seminary
- Pre-Veterinary
- Psychology
- Psychology Teaching
- Public Policy – Domestic
- Public Policy – Foreign
- Public Relations & Strategic Communication
- Recreation
- Recreation, Sport & Fitness
- Religion
- Religion – Biblical Studies
- Religion – Philosophy
- Religion – Theology
- Religious Studies
- Social Science
- Social Science Education
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Spanish Education
- Special Education
- Sport Management – Administration
- Sports Management – Marketing
- Theatre
- Writing
- Youth Ministry
- Zoology

# Frequently Asked Questions | 2021-2022

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- Are the rules strictly enforced here?  
**How you might respond:** Olivet's rules are more like community life guidelines. They reflect our values, and many are designed for our safety.
- Can I work on campus? Can I work off campus?  
You may work on campus for up to 20 hours. You cannot work off campus.
- Do students take those rules seriously? If not- are there repercussions for students who don't follow them?  
**How you might respond:** Our resident directors, resident assistants, faculty, and staff take the Community Lifestyle Covenant seriously. Expectations are absolutely enforced.
- What happens if I miss class?  
If you are an athlete and miss class, you must contact the professors ahead of time and make up any work. If you are sick, contact the professor and ask how you can make up the work. Also contact nurse if needed.
- Is it easy to get involved and to know other people?  
**What you might say:** It might depend on how much you get involved in clubs and organizations on campus. Olivet has more than 70 clubs and organizations. This is a good time to talk about residence halls, freshman connections, intramurals and other clubs.
- So ... how diverse is your student body?  
**What to say:** Minorities make up about 15 percent of our student body.
- What might be a reason that a student would transfer or leave Olivet?  
**What you might say:** I would say many sometimes are not prepared for the rigors of college studies — as at any university. Finances also can be a factor, but addressing any issues early with our financial aid office is the best way to combat that. Some students may decide they want to be closer or farther from family, home, etc.
- Why does tuition have to go up every year?  
**What you can say:** The cost of attending Olivet is about average when compared with other similar private universities. The University is a nonprofit organization, but still has to make a small percentage of profit, which is then reinvested back into programs and facilities for students. Plus, the University gives back more than \$20 million in scholarships to students. Our ONU Foundation gives an additional \$1 million in scholarships to students. The amount of money Olivet gives back to students has actually increased at a greater rate than the cost of tuition.
- What's a Nazarene stand for?  
Base your answer on the guests' background. At a very basic level, the Church of the Nazarene is Protestant, evangelical, and theologically based in the Wesleyan tradition.



## **Frequently Asked Questions, cont'd | 2021-2022**

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- I didn't grow up in a Nazarene church. Would I be out of place here?  
*How to answer: No! While 30 percent of our students are Nazarene, we have more than 40 other religious denominations represented — and some who claim no religion.*
- How is Olivet different than all the other good Christian schools out there?  
*What you can say: I can't speak for other schools. I only know that (INSERT PERSONAL STORY HERE).*
- I hear the girls outnumber the guys here.  
*What to say: Girls tend to outnumber guys in colleges nationwide, but year to year it is only slightly here at Olivet.*
- Are the dorms co-ed?  
*What to say: No, our housing is gender assigned. We have plenty of common areas and lobby's where students of the opposite gender can hang out. There are also different days for open house depending on what community you live in.*
- How is the food in the cafeteria?  
*What to say: Make sure to highlight the different options and maybe some of your personal favorites. Follow up of this may include: "I Have a special dietary need or allergy, how is that accommodated?" What to say: "Our food service contractor, Sodexo, works to help assist students who have food or dietary needs."*

## **NOTES: THE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS**

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# Church of the Nazarene

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**The Church of the Nazarene** is a protestant Christian church and is the largest denomination in the classical Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, tracing its roots to an anniversary date of 1908. The doctrine that distinguishes the Church of the Nazarene and other Wesleyan denominations from most other Christian denominations is that of entire sanctification. Nazarenes believe that God calls Christians to a life of holy living that is marked by an act of God, cleansing the heart from original sin and filling the individual with love for God and humankind.

**The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make Christ-like disciples in the nations.**

We are a Great Commission church (Matthew 28:19-20). As a global community of faith, we are commissioned to take the Good News of life in Jesus Christ to people everywhere and to spread the message of scriptural holiness (Christ-like living) across the lands.

The Church of the Nazarene bonds together individuals who have made Jesus Christ Lord of their lives, sharing in Christian fellowship, and seeking to strengthen each other in faith development through worship, preaching, training, and service to others.

We strive to express the compassion of Jesus Christ to all persons along with our personal commitment to Christ-like living.

While the primary motive of the church is to glorify God, we also are called to actively participate in His mission—reconciling the world to himself.

The statement of mission contains historical essentials of our mission: evangelism, sanctification, discipleship, compassion. The essence of holiness is Christlikeness.

Nazarenes are becoming a sent people—into homes, workplaces, communities, and villages as well as other cities and countries. Missionaries are now sent from all regions of the world. God continues calling ordinary people to do extraordinary things made possible by the person of the Holy Spirit

## **Agreed Statement of Belief**

These are the beliefs Nazarenes hold to be true:

**We believe** in one God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**We believe** that the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

**We believe** that man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil and that continually.

**We believe** that the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

**We believe** that the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

**We believe** that believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**We believe** that the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

**We believe** that our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

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