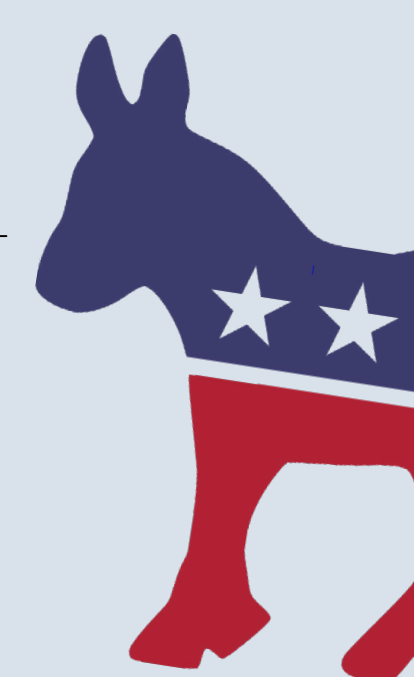
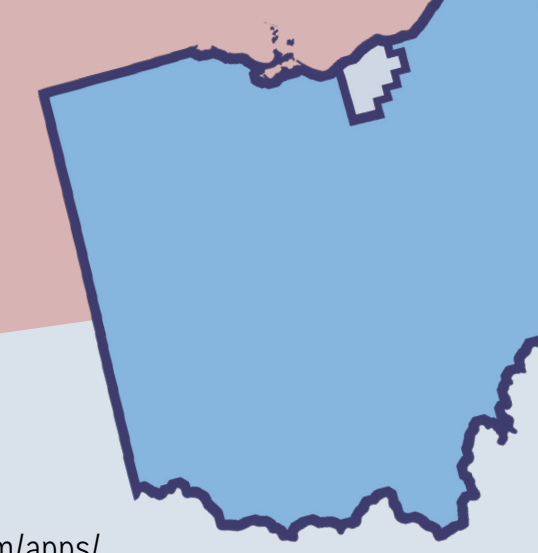


# EVERYTHING TO VOTE

# YOU NEED TO KNOW ON TUESDAY

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## THE BASICS

### WHAT'S THE MIDTERM ELECTION?

The midterm election happens in the middle of every presidential term. This year, it's happening on Tuesday, Nov. 6. 35 of the 100 Senate seats and all 435 House of Representative seats are up for re-election. Additionally, 36 states and three territories will vote on governorships, and many states will re-elect mayors and hold additional local elections. In Ohio, Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown and Republican Representative Jim Jordan are up for re-election, as well as the governor, attorney general, and secretary of state, among others.

### DOES MY VOTE COUNT IN LORAIN COUNTY?

Yes! Lorain County is a "swing county," which means that elections are often very close here, so every vote counts. For instance, in the 2016 presidential election, Hillary Clinton won the county by an extremely small margin of 131 votes. That's fewer than all of the graduating seniors at Oberlin College!

### IS IT FAIR TO VOTE ON LOCAL ISSUES IN A STATE WHERE I'M ONLY LIVING FOR FOUR YEARS?

Some people feel it's not appropriate for college students to vote on local issues, such as school board issues and judicial seats, because our residence in Oberlin is so temporary. However, other people feel that local issues affect the country as a whole, which makes it OK to vote on them. These are just two of the points that can be made in this delicate debate. The Review has published pieces on multiple sides of this issue which can help you consider carefully whether you want to vote in local Ohio issues or not. See College junior Jackie Brant's Oct. 5 article "Oberlin Students Must Evaluate Their Place in Local Elections," as well as College junior Ezra Andres-Tysch's Oct. 12 article "Students Should Vote in Local Elections."



## THE LOGISTICS

### CAN I EVEN VOTE IN OHIO?

All students with Lorain County addresses (your dorm address counts!) can vote in Ohio. However, if you aren't already registered, you cannot vote in Ohio because the registration deadline has passed. To check if you are registered here, go to voterlookup.sos.state.oh.us/voterlookup.aspx. If you aren't already registered here, you need to vote absentee in your home state, which you can do if you are already registered there or if your state's voter registration deadline has not yet passed (the deadline varies by state). See your home state's deadline at vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines.

### WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

The two voting locations for Oberlin students are Philips gym and Mount Zion Baptist Church of Oberlin. To find out which location you should vote at, check voterlookup.sos.state.oh.us/voterlookup.aspx.

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE POLLS?

In order to vote, students from out of state must provide official proof of address. If you're from Lorain County you can just bring your Ohio driver's license or state ID.

**If you live in a dorm or village house:** The College places utility bills in every OCMR which count as proof of address.

**If you live in a co-op:** Ask your Housing Loose Ends Coordinator.

**If you live off campus:** Go to sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/id-requirements for a list of options for providing proof of address.

### WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THAT STUFF?

If you don't have proof of residence for any reason, you can either vote early or vote absentee. The only identification you need for either option is the last four digits of your social security number.

**Vote early:** This involves going to the Lorain County Board of Elections and voting there. The address is 1985 North Ridge Road East, Lorain, OH 44055. To see the hours in which the Board of Elections is open, go to sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/voting-schedule.

**Vote absentee:** This involves requesting an absentee ballot by noon on Saturday, Nov. 3 and then mailing it in by Monday, Nov. 5. It's a bit late to be voting absentee, so voting early is a better option at this point if you can find transportation. For complete instructions on how to vote absentee, go to sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/absentee-voting

## THE POLITICS

### WHO'S ON THE BALLOT?

To see a your sample ballot, go to lorain.ohio.oe.com/apps/vtrlookup.aspx. The sample ballot looks exactly like the ballot you will see on Election Day. Reading your sample ballot allows you to know exactly what you'll be voting on so that you can look up information about the candidates and issues before you go to vote.

### HOW DO I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES AND ISSUES?

For information on each of the candidates and ballot issues, go to vote411.org and type in your address. Then click the green button that says "Get personalized information on candidates and issues" and click on the individual races to learn about who is running in that race. The League of Women Voters of the Oberlin Area also provides a PDF guide on the candidates, which you can download from my.lwv.org/ohio/oberlin-area/article/2018-lorain-county-voters-guide. If you have more election-related questions, feel free to contact Alison Ricker, head of the Science Library, either by email at aricker@oberlin.edu or in person at the library.

# CALENDAR

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2-3

*The Fig Tree Waltzes: Acrobatic Conundrum*  
Acrobatic Conundrum, a Seattle-based contemporary circus arts company founded by Terry Crane, OC '04, is coming to Oberlin to perform their exciting ensemble-based performance titled "The Fig Tree Waltzes." The show features choreography from Jimmy Ortiz Chinchilla and combines elements of circus and dance.  
8 p.m. • Warner Center, Warner Main Space

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

*Ohio City "Neighborhood Crawl"*  
Buses will take Oberlin students from campus into Cleveland to spend the afternoon exploring the Ohio City neighborhood. Ohio City boasts many restaurants, art galleries, and local businesses, such as Mitchell's Ice Cream, Nano Brew, and the West Side Market. Space is limited – register at calendar.oberlin.edu/event/ohio\_city\_neighborhood\_crawl.  
1-7:30 p.m. • Bus departs from Wilder Hall

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

*Film Screening: The Prison in Twelve Landscapes*  
*The Prison in Twelve Landscapes* is award-winning filmmaker and professor Brett Story's second documentary. It focuses on incarceration in unexpected places, such as a California mountainside, a rural Kentucky mining town, and St. Louis County, Missouri. The film tells the stories of people who often seem distant to those outside of the American prison system. There will be a discussion after the screening with the filmmaker herself and Assistant Professor of Politics Charmaine Chua.  
5-8 p.m. • Mudd Center, room 050

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

*Election Day Poll Party*  
Oberlin College Hillel and The 'Sco are hosting a party to celebrate voting, complete with free pizza, live music, and raffle prizes. There will also be voter information available.  
4-7 p.m. • The 'Sco, Wilder Hall

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

*President's Lecture with Associate Professor Julia Christensen*  
Associate Professor of Media Art Julia Christensen will give a lecture about her current art project and research on "upgrade culture," which is the idea that society values upgrading still-working electronics in order to stay "relevant". Her work includes photography, video art, and other digital media. Christensen will also discuss her collaboration with NASA, in which she's helping to create a piece of art that will travel to Proxima b, an exoplanet 4.2 light years away from Earth.  
12:15-1:15 p.m. • Finney Chapel