HAVE YOU EVER **CO-AUTHORED**
A RESEARCH PAPER WITH
YOUR PROFESSOR?

**CROSSED PATHS** WITH
A BLACK SWAN?

PLAYED A VOLLEYBALL
GAME **COVERED IN MUD**?

**STUDIED SPECIMENS** IN
THE GULF OF MEXICO?

**NO?** WELL, WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING FOR?

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**CELEBRATING OUR**
**150 YEAR**
**ANNIVERSARY**
WELCOME TO THE UNEXPECTED.

Welcome to Ohio Northern, where we pursue the undiscovered. Where no one knows you until, suddenly, everyone does. Welcome to the everyday magic of ONU.

Joining the community at Northern means choosing a special blend of phenomenal academics and a 150-year tradition of family. Here, involvement and camaraderie come with the small-town territory. And that territory – from the Tundra to the Green Monster – is truly what we make of it.
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.

2,958
STUDENT BODY

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$52 MILLION
IN GIFT ASSISTANCE

19
AVG CLASS SIZE

60+
PROGRAMS

200+
STUDENT ORGS

478
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

27
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY OUR STUDENT BODY

Our biggest point of pride is our graduates. Year after year, they prove that high-impact learning launches successful careers.

RANKINGS

NO. 5
Midwest Regional College
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

United Methodist Church Affiliation

NO. 14
Baccalaureate College
Washington Monthly

Named in Creative Colleges

NO. 10
Small Colleges in the Midwest
The Wall Street Journal

Listed in “Best 385 Colleges” by Princeton Review, 2020

Christian College in Ohio
Best Colleges in America

STUDENTS

82%
of students are involved in student organizations

22%
of students participate in at least one sport

18%
of students participate in Greek life

10%
of students participate in the performing arts

NCAA
DIII
ATHLETICS

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On a March afternoon in 1866, Henry Solomon Lehr stepped off a train and into Ada, Ohio. It was here that Lehr saw the potential of a small town to have a huge impact on the world by empowering students to achieve incredible things.
TRADITIONS, LEGACIES & LEGENDS.

POLAR PLUNGE
We’ve been known to brave temperatures in the teens to raise funds for charity during Delta Sigma Phi’s Polar Plunge.

SWEETHEART TRADITION
ONU draws together people who might not otherwise cross paths. Polar Bear sweethearts often get engaged at the pond and come back to campus to take their wedding photos.

PAINTING THE SPIRIT ROCK
It’s the way we express our Polar pride in support of events, clubs and organizations. #needmoreorange

FESTIVAL OF COLORS
We celebrate spring’s arrival with Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors, a free-for-all frolic of throwing colored powder at each other. Sounds like fun, right?

POLAR BEAR KISSES
Studying is important, of course, but everyone knows that the surest way to ace an exam is to kiss the nose of the polar bear in Dicke Hall.

KLONDIKE SPIRIT
We cheer each other on for absolutely everything. From game day to exam day, we have each other’s backs.
DISCOVER YOUR UNEXPECTED.
THE ONU ADVANTAGE

Our oldest tradition is HIGH-IMPACT learning, which is learning by doing - through internships, community outreach, real-world competitive projects, in-depth research and more.

Through this experience, we learn to push ourselves beyond our goals and uncover new directions. ONU students graduate extra-prepared for our first jobs, and this helps us land great ones. But, more importantly, your experiences at ONU will show you how to turn that first job into the second and third, and how to shape your entire career into something uniquely stellar. Setting students up for success after graduation is one of the things that we do best.

That’s why we consistently beat the national average for graduate placement. In fact, this year, we’re ranked No.1 in Ohio and No. 3 in the country by Zippia.
SURPRISE YOURSELF.

Flexibility is a good thing. When we explore our interests, we increase our chances of success and satisfaction in our careers. With the individual attention, guidance and support that ONU’s low student-to-faculty ratio adds to the academic experience, we’re able to explore more, discover more and, ultimately, focus more on the direction that’s right for us.

Whether you’re already set on your program or completely unsure, we all get to where we’re going via Ohio Northern. You don’t have to know everything already. Here, you will learn something new every day.

FIND OUR FULL LIST OF MAJORS AND MINORS AT: ONU.EDU/ACADEMICS
FIVE COLLEGES OF DISTINCTION AND DISCOVERY

ALL WITH NATIONALLY RANKED PROGRAMS

MIGHTY FINE SPECIMENS

Studying specimens in the Gulf of Mexico during our field semester program.
DICKE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

> SEVEN MAJORS, EIGHT MINORS
> NO. 1 IN OHIO FOR TEACHING QUALITY
> STUDENTS MENTORED FROM DAY ONE
> 96 PERCENT PLACEMENT RATE

GETTY COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

> 6 SCHOOLS
> 47 MAJORS SPANNING LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
> NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS
> 97 PERCENT PLACEMENT RATE

SMALL TOWN, BRIGHT LIGHTS

With dozens of campus productions, performances, master classes, workshops and other events, our students have plenty of opportunities to indulge their creative passions.

PITCH-PERFECT

Taking on the Polar Elevator Pitch challenge, ONU’s version of Shark Tank. Some of our genius ideas just might inspire long-term funding.
Sometimes, to follow our dreams, we must take the untrodden path. Here, we head off-road in search of solid design.

RAISE THE BAR
Logging high-impact hours with clients, providing pro bono legal services and building networks through ONU’s externship program.
**MOVING THE NEEDLE**

Our mobile health clinic hits the road with the health care team from the College of Pharmacy, bringing consultations and screenings to the community, free of charge.

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**PETTIT COLLEGE OF LAW**

> Battle of the Bots

Here we are at the championship game, playing our rival, Notre Dame, in robotic football. Every year, Polar Bears collaborate to toast the competition, and the game keeps growing.

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**SMULL COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

> A top-40 undergraduate engineering school in the nation

> 96 percent placement rate

> 87 percent passage rate, Fundamentals of Engineering Exam

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**RAABE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

> 0-6 program, new 4-year program

> Direct-entry pharmacy school experience

> More than 9,000 ONU alumni have graduated into the profession since 1884

> 93 percent placement rate

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**PETTIT COLLEGE OF LAW**

> 100 percent placement guarantee for legal clinics and externships

> No. 1 among Ohio’s law schools for first-time bar passage rate of 100 percent

> Top 100 for “trial advocacy”, according to U.S. News & World Report

> One of the “best schools for public service,” specifically in the government category – PreLaw Magazine

> Lowest private law school tuition in the Midwest
STORIES FROM OUR AMAZING ALUMNI ARCHIVES
College of Arts & Sciences

Mary Beth Donahoe, BFA ’14, was a musical theatre and Spanish double major. A classic triple threat, she can act, sing, dance – and also speak to fans in perfect Spanish. She recently took all of those skills on the road with a national tour of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.

College of Engineering

Meet Bob Peterson, BSME ’83. After combining his interests at ONU, Bob became a successful animator and designer for Pixar, with two Oscar nominations for his work.

College of Pharmacy

Kelsey Rife, PharmD ’12, is board-certified in ambulatory care and works as a clinical pharmacist at Cleveland’s Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. She also runs a telemedicine practice, educating and treating patients at VA facilities throughout Ohio.

College of Arts & Sciences

In addition to being a tenured faculty member at Harvard Medical school, Carla (Bender) Kim, BS ’97, is conducting groundbreaking research at Boston Children’s Hospital’s Stem Cell Program. Her lab pioneered the use of stem cell biology to study lung cells and cancer, with the ultimate goal of understanding and improving lung disease and lung cancer outcomes.

College of Business Administration

Sheryl (Haushalter) Sopher, BSBA ’92, runs Robinson Fin Machines Inc. with her brothers, Mark and David Haushalter, BSBA ’92. Family businesses aren’t unusual. But a family business that turns aluminum and copper into products used in nuclear-class submarines, Formula 1® race cars and the International Space Station, definitely is.

College of Law

A pioneering member of Ohio’s legal system, the Hon. Jessica E. Price Smith, JD ’97, is the first African-American woman to be appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio. She also serves on multiple civic boards.

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When it comes to life at Ohio Northern, words alone just won’t do. We’d love for you to visit in person, but, in the meantime, we’re proud to present the next-best thing: an opportunity to see Northern for yourself before you get here.

Come see our beautiful campus for yourself. It’s the only way to know if it feels right for you.

[onu.edu/visit](http://onu.edu/visit)
EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN HAS NOT YET BEEN DONE. NOT QUITE LIKE YOU’LL DO IT, ANYWAY.
Art is work. Get your hands dirty.
We have the stage.
You have the swagger.
EVERYONE TELLS YOU TO REACH FOR THE STARS.

See what you’re made of in the lab during your sophomore year of nursing.

The nighttime is unite time.
HERE, YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THEM.
When you don’t know what to focus on, focus on inspiration.

Fire up the kiln. It’s time to learn from the experts.
Making new friends on Sorority Bid Day.
Who needs home cooking when you have Mongolian barbecue?

No matter how busy we get, moments of tranquility are always within sight.
PAVE THE WAY FOR A LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS.
When we surround ourselves with people from different backgrounds and cultures, we begin to see the world through a new lens. It’s a valuable perspective to gain in an increasingly connected world, and one that can help us understand not only others, but also ourselves. These four years of discovery are the perfect time to explore different cultures, meet people from different backgrounds and even have a life-changing study abroad experience. All of these things will make you stronger, more experienced and better prepared for the road ahead, with a new global outlook.
Find inspiration in the larger-than-life statues of Thailand.

Embrace new experiences and make new friends while studying abroad.

**DO SOMETHING DARING**

Whether you’re studying species in Costa Rica, riding the waves in Bilbao or exploring the streets of an unfamiliar city, study abroad offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in new cultures, go on amazing adventures and make friends all over the world. Leaving the comfort of your home country can be a bit intimidating, but that is exactly why it is so rewarding.

**DISCOVER THE UNKNOWN**

Our students have traveled the world. They have explored both the well-traveled streets and unpaved paths of Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Ghana, South Africa, India, Greece, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, England, Amsterdam, Spain, Germany, Italy, Austria, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and more. Their collective advice, if you may be interested yourself? 100 percent do it.

**EMBRACE THE UNFAMILIAR**

It starts right here on campus. Attend a multicultural event. Make friends with an international student. Learn about Eastern philosophy. Start speaking Russian. The world beyond Ohio is a wide and wonderful place. Learning to navigate it, understand it and, most of all, appreciate it, will set you up for a lifetime of embracing the new, exciting and unfamiliar things you encounter on your way.
So, What is There to Do in...
A LONG ANSWER? A LOT.

OHIO?

SHORT ANSWER? A LOT.

LONG ANSWER?
It’s not only about being involved, it’s about being together.
WELCOME FEST
FEEL OUT YOUR FUTURE

During Welcome Fest, ONU Student Senate brings together more than 150 organizations, local businesses and University offices to get new students acquainted with the possibilities on campus and beyond.

BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE.
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Our clubs and organizations won’t fit on this page – there are more than 200 – so we’ve selected a few of our most unexpected to share with you.

Brother 2 Brother
Cheerleading
Club Ice Hockey
College Broadcasters Inc.
Esports Gaming Club
Fearless Shenanygans
Gospel Ensemble
Northern Entrepreneur Organization
Northern Nurses Without Borders
Northern Stars Dance Team
Ohio Northern Nerf Club
ONU Badminton Club
Polar Paws
PolarFit
Student Investment Group

And some favorites that support our diverse student body and put on exciting campus events throughout the year:

Asian American Student Union
Black Student Union
Indian Student Association
Japanese Student Organization
Latino Student Union
Open Doors
World Student Organization

If it isn’t here yet, it’s only a matter of time. You might be the one to get it started.

BE A FOUNDER
CRICKET AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Pakistani exchange student Syeda Fatma studied criminal justice for four months at ONU. Since she aspires to be the first female lawyer in her city, and eventually a chief justice, she was very excited to learn hands-on about prison rehabilitation programs here in Ohio, which don’t exist in her home country.

Perhaps, even more so, Syeda was excited to share her passion for cricket with the student community at Ohio Northern by founding our very first Cricket Club.
FOR THE LOVE OF THE ROAR.
ELITE 90
Three ONU students have been honored with the prestigious “Elite 90” award – founded by the NCAA to honor individuals who achieve both academic and athletic excellence at the highest level.

WHETHER you’re in the starting lineup or cheering on the Polar Bears from the stands, athletics are an exciting part of life at ONU. So why choose between passions? Going to a Division III school means that you can continue to excel on the field and gain experience that will put you on a path to a lifetime of achievement.

FITNESS FOR ALL
The ONU Sports Center houses a state-of-the-art indoor track-and-field facility; a hardwood flex court; a 25-yard, six-lane swimming pool; a weight room; a fitness room; an athletic training room; a dance and exercise room; a wrestling room; a golf practice room; and an Esports facility.

6
Academic All-Americans

8
All-Americans

18
First-Team All-OAC honorees

133
First-Team Academic All-OAC honorees
THE END IS THE BEGINNING

The journey might seem like it’s over, but lasting relationships with professors and a robust alumni network mean that ONU always has our backs.
DRESSED FOR SUCCESS
We learn a lot at Ohio Northern. How to kick back and have fun. How to dress for the occasion. Sometimes all at the same time.

MAXIMUM EXPOSURE
Sure, we all come from different places. But one of the best things about Northern is that we can mix, mingle and absorb the beauty of other cultures – and we don’t always have to travel far to do it.

CAMPUS LIVING

HOUSING
Our first year, we’re selected for one of our traditional residence halls by the Office of Residence Life. The following year, we can choose from many different campus housing options.

FIRST-YEAR RESIDENCES:
› Founders Hall
› Maglott Hall
› Park Hall
› Stambaugh Hall

DINING
The Dining Hall at McIntosh Center is open seven days a week for all-you-can-eat meals. Try making a smoothie with our Blender Bikes, which are pedal-powered smoothie machines.

SERVICE

BEARS GIVE BACK
Why wait until you graduate to make a difference? Each year, approximately 1,500 ONU students are engaged in about 50,000 hours of community service. Because, regardless of background, we make a positive impact.

ACE DAY
Jump in as early as fall semester’s opening weekend and engage with the community through service.

LOVE DAY
We bond with our fellow Polar Bears over a good cause during this University-wide effort. These three hours of community service in Ada and beyond, held in the spring, honor our commitment to giving back.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Build homes for families who need them during the school year, and journey during spring break to other parts of the country to help out.

RELIGION

THE ENGLISH CHAPEL
At ONU, we believe in developing your spirit as well as your mind. Across from Heterick Memorial Library, you’ll find the English Chapel, the epicenter for spirituality on campus for generations, open to all, regardless of religion.

Though Ohio Northern has been affiliated with the United Methodist Church since 1899, we support an active religious life for students of any religion, both on and off campus, that includes worship, fellowship, outreach and serving others.
When it comes to opportunities for real-world experience, there’s a ton to keep us busy in Ada and endless options nearby.

**MADE IN ADA.**

With a population of a little more than 5,000, our small town’s friendly atmosphere and mellow scene keep us focused on what we love and want to achieve without distractions.

**FIND IT IN ADA**

The historic Ada Theatre
Norada Lanes
Wilson Football Factory
Harvest and Herb Festival
Four-foot pizza
Patriotic Pops Concert
178 sunny days a year

**NFL FOOTBALLS**

Ada is home to the birthplace of every NFL football. Ever. Made by the Wilson Sporting Goods factory.

**NEARBY Attractions**

Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum
Blaze of Lights Parade
Colonial Golfers Club
Flag City Balloon Festival
Indian Lake State Park
Mad River Mountain
Ohio Caverns
Suter’s Produce
STRONG SUPPORT

As ONU graduates, we have advantages.

▷ A strong liberal arts foundation prepares us for a wide range of jobs.

▷ The relationships we build with professors open professional doors.

▷ The experience we gain from learning experiences like internships and externships gives us a head start in the workplace.

▷ From offering to put in a good word, to offering spare rooms, our well-connected and widespread alumni network will do anything and everything to see fellow alumni succeed.

No matter which career awaits us, the staff in the Office of Polar Careers help us develop strategies to find internships and co-ops, seek professional employment and enter graduate or professional schools.

*Did we mention that 96 percent job-placement rate yet?*

*They tell you it’s hard to get in. They don’t tell you how hard it will be to leave.*
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS.

We believe that college is an investment in our future – and we have seen the highest returns in the entire state – but ONU’s supportive environment extends beyond academics:

99.6% of students, on average, receive financial aid

$52 MILLION in scholarships and grants awarded annually

FOR MORE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION, VISIT: ONU.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID
Be sure to complete your FAFSA by March 1. 
ONU’s code is 003089.

Ohio Northern University will be test optional for most academic programs for Fall 2021. Test scores will be accepted, but are not required. All students will need to submit a completed application and a high school transcript.