

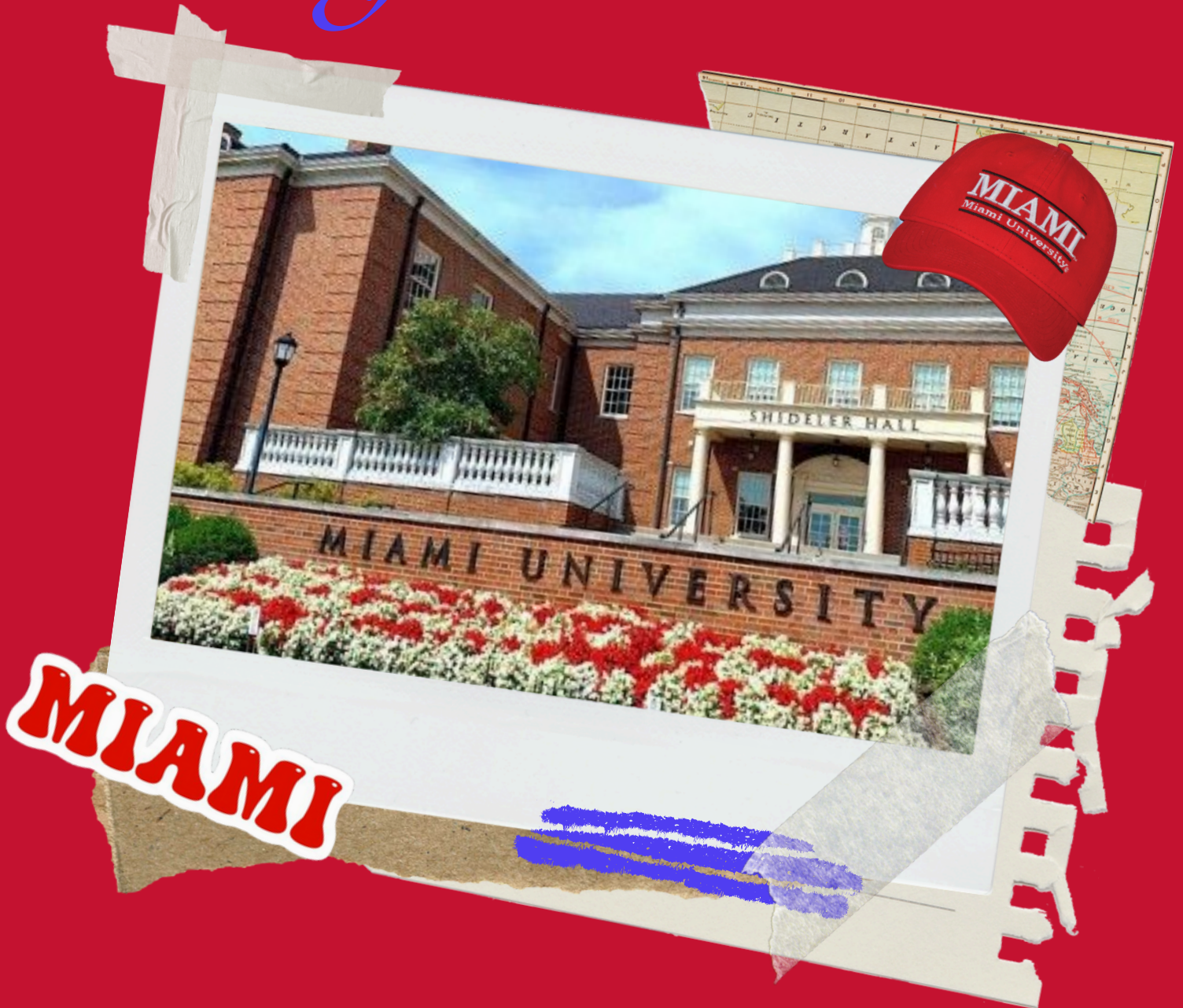


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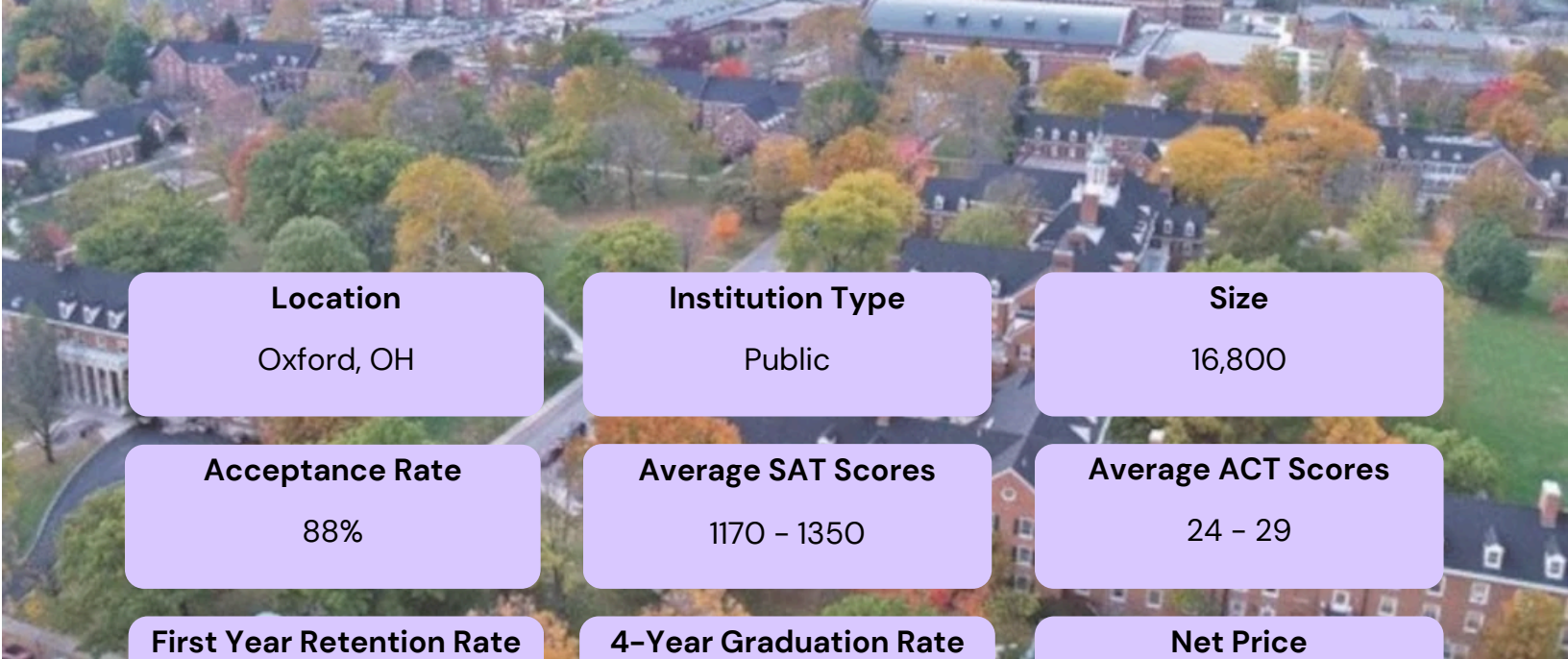
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Edition #2



**Miami University
in Ohio**

Learn what the college
experience at Miami is really
like from current students!

**Location**

Oxford, OH

Institution Type

Public

Size

16,800

Acceptance Rate

88%

Average SAT Scores

1170 – 1350

Average ACT Scores

24 – 29

First Year Retention Rate

87%

4-Year Graduation Rate

73%

Net Price

\$24.6K

OVERVIEW

Location & Campus 📍

Miami's campus is known for its red-brick buildings, tree-lined walkways, and well-kept green spaces. With its classic architecture and scenic setting, students love its walkability and the charming, traditional college-town atmosphere.

Miami University is a mid-sized public university in Oxford, OH, known for its strong academics, lively social scene, and classic college-town setting. Its historic red-brick campus, rich traditions, and active Greek life shape the student experience. With a "work hard, play hard" mentality, Miami offers a balance of solid academics and a highly social campus culture.

Academics 📖

Miami University offers 120+ majors, with strong programs in business, education, and the sciences. The Farmer School of Business is highly regarded, offering top-tier networking and career placement opportunities. Students appreciate the engaged professors and hands-on learning.

Social Life 😊

Miami has a lively social scene where Greek life and nightlife play a major role. House parties and bars are popular across all class years, while clubs and campus events offer other ways to connect. While school spirit is strong, athletics aren't a big part of campus culture.



LOCATION

Miami University is located in Oxford, OH, a classic college town built around the university. Uptown Oxford has a handful of restaurants, bars, and coffee shops, but entertainment options beyond campus are limited. Cincinnati is about an hour away for bigger events, concerts, and shopping.

Weather Forecast

Fall: Crisp & cool

Summer: Hot & humid

Spring: Mild & rainy

Winter: Cold & snowy

Living in Oxford

Students love that Oxford is small, walkable, and social, with Uptown as the go-to spot for food, nightlife, and student hangouts. Some wish there was “more civilization nearby” like malls, Target, or Trader Joe’s, but others appreciate the smaller setting for the community feeling it brings and how safe it is. As one student put it, “It feels like we are our own little ecosystem.”

Off Campus Dining

Oxford may be small, but it has plenty of student-friendly food spots. While students rate nearby dining options 6.9* overall, some wish there were more full-service restaurants.

Midnight Snack

Bruno’s , Skippers,
Pulley’s Diner, Skyline

Sweet Treats

Spring Street Treats,
Graters, Insomnia

Night Out w/ Friends

Fridge and Pantry,
Gaslight, Sushi King

Oxford Classics

Bagel & Deli, Mac and
Joes

Parents Are Buying

Pickle and Pig,
Peasanos

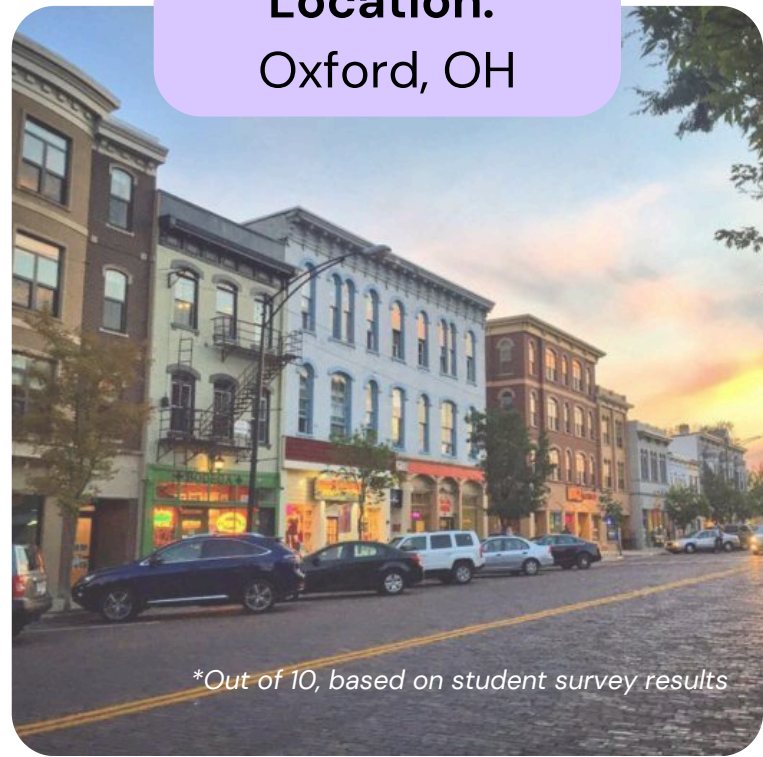
Cheap Eats

El Burrito Loco, Taco
Bell, McDonalds,
Chipotle

Outdoor Activities

While outdoor activities aren't a major part of student life, many enjoy walking or jogging around campus. Some occasionally hike at Hueston Woods State Park on the weekends.

Location:
Oxford, OH



**Out of 10, based on student survey results*

16:1

Student to
Faculty Ratio

88%

Acceptance
Rate

8.6

Overall
Academics*

Miami University provides a strong undergraduate experience, with standout programs in business, education, and the sciences. The Farmer School of Business is highly regarded, offering real-world learning and strong career placement. Professors are generally supportive, though students say academic advising can be hit-or-miss.

ACADEMICS

Majors & Courses

Popular Majors

Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services, Health Professions and Related Programs, Social Sciences, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Education, Psychology, Engineering, Computer Science

Nationally recognized for its **focus on undergraduate teaching**, with small class sizes, hands-on learning, and professors who prioritize student engagement.

All Miami students must complete **the Miami Plan**, a general education curriculum designed to provide a broad academic foundation outside of your major.

💡 Many students voiced frustration with the school's scheduling system and ability to get classes they need:

"The only negative thing I've experienced at Miami University is the registration process. Classes are always full and stress and anxiety is always followed."

A few classes students love...

★ **IMS 228**

Digital Branding

Explore digital marketing and branding through hands-on projects with real clients.

🐾 **SLM 150.E**

Beginning Horseback Riding

Get credit for riding horses! For students new to riding or getting back into the saddle

🧬 **BIO 305**

Genetics

Learn the foundations of genetics and lab techniques in this engaging course.

**Out of 10, based on student survey results*



"I am a part of the Farmer School of Business, the staff and preparation for future career is phenomenal"

Academic Support Services

Miami University offers a wide variety of free academic support services to students including:

Every student gets assigned a **faculty or staff advisor** for course, major and career planning.

Undecided students can work with a **Student Success Navigator** to declare a major within four semesters.

Rinella Learning Center offers affordable tutoring, testing, workshops, and career coaching.

Academic Support:

7.0*

"Advisors can be hard to meet with and mine have changed frequently, but they are very good at helping you make a plan for your future in college and are worth meeting with a lot."

Professor Availability

8.3*

Professors at Miami University

Miami professors are known for being passionate about teaching, especially in smaller, upper-level courses. In particular, the Farmer School of Business faculty have strong industry connections.

Some favorite Miami professors include: Fred Reeder, Vanessa Cannon, Eric Marinich, Rebecca Balish, Tanja Kirmse, Timothee Grenlee, Sara Arter, Brandy Doyle, Jeff Tavella, Vic Clescev, Carla Neitfield, Susan Vincent, Peter Nguyen, Andrew Jaracovich, Jill Russell, Jay Kimleck, & Helaine Alleso



Fred Reeder
Journalism

"He puts so much effort into every class to make it worth your time"

A tough but fair professor, Fred Reeder pushes students to become better writers with detailed feedback and engaging classes.



Vanessa Cannon
Technology in Business and Design

"Vanessa is super nice, cares about design, & gives great feedback."

A passionate professor who makes class fun and engaging. She gives thoughtful feedback and supports students through every step of their projects.

**Out of 10, based on student survey results*

CAMPUS & FACILITIES

Miami's campus is famous for its stunning red-brick buildings and classic college aesthetic. It's walkable, well-maintained, and full of green spaces, though some buildings and dorms could use updates.

Campus Overall:

9.0*

"Miami's college campus is so beautiful and pleasant"

Longest Walk to Class: 10-20 minutes*

Facilities Overall

7.0*

Campus Safety

9.3*

Miami students feel very safe on campus, often citing the well-lit pathways, keycard dorm access, and strong sense of community.

**Based on student survey results*

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

Miami University offers a mix of modern, high-tech learning spaces and historic academic buildings full of character. Students have access to state-of-the-art research labs, collaborative study areas, and lecture halls designed for both large and small classes.



Farmer School of Business

The Best ✓

Farmer School of Business: The center of Miami's business programs, featuring modern classrooms, and plenty of study spaces for group work and networking.

Data Science Building: A high-tech hub for analytics and AI, with cutting-edge labs, flexible classrooms, and hands-on learning spaces for data-driven fields.

Pearson Hall: The main science building with modern labs, lecture halls, and research facilities, making it a go-to for biology and chemistry students.



Laws Hall

The Worst ✗

Laws Hall: A large lecture hall building with minimal standout features. Mostly used for intro-level courses, but not known for study spaces or amenities.

Hughes Hall: A science and research building with older labs and classrooms. Functional, but not as modern as other STEM facilities on campus.

McGuffey Hall: A historic academic building primarily used for education courses. While it has character, it lacks modern updates found in newer buildings.

King Library

Student Rating: 7.3*

King Library is a top study spot with plenty of seating, group rooms, and quiet areas. Students appreciate the friendly staff and central location, but say it gets overcrowded, especially during exams. Many feel it could use renovations, to improve natural light and add more individual study rooms.



King Library

**Out of 10, based on student survey results*

Most Miami freshmen and sophomores live in dorms, which vary in quality and location. Some are close to classes, while others require a longer walk. By junior year, most move off campus, renting apartments or houses nearby, often within walking distance of Uptown.

Common years to live on campus



Freshman



Junior



Sophomore



Senior



Havighurst Hall: Loved for its social atmosphere and reputation as one of the most fun dorms on campus, though it's also known for being a bit run-down or "so gross"



Peabody Hall: Known for being far from campus and Uptown, with an outdated feel and a reputation for being a bit creepy. Some even call it haunted.

STUDENT HOUSING

How current students rate the quality of housing options* for each grade-level...

Freshman

5.9

Sophomore

7.8

Junior

9.1

Senior

8.8

Most students stay on campus for their sophomore year before moving off as upperclassmen. Sophomores often live in Sorority Quad or in on campus apartments at Hawks Landing or Heritage Village. Juniors and seniors move to off campus houses or apartments in Uptown with the best locations on Church, Vine, or High Street. Off campus housing averages \$1,000-\$1,300* per month.



Uptown Apartment



Sorority Quad



Church St. House

*Based on student survey results

ON-CAMPUS DINING

Miami has multiple dining halls and on-campus restaurants, though students say food quality and variety could improve. Some prefer eating off-campus, but on campus options include:

Maple Street Commons: A popular dining hall with multiple stations like a pasta bar, stir-fry, and comfort food. Its convenient location near Uptown makes it a go-to for students between classes.

Garden Commons: The only all-you-can-eat dining hall, offering unlimited portions and rotating themed meals. It's a top pick for students looking to get the most for their meal swipe

Western Dining Commons: Features international cuisine, plant-based meals, and a sushi bar. Students like it for its healthier options and diverse food choices.

Martin Dining Hall: A homestyle dining option with a focus on rotating comfort food and classic meals. It's a solid choice for students looking for filling, traditional dishes.

💡 Some favorite dining hall meals include: gyros, tacos, pasta bar, Maple's orange chicken, mashed potatoes, and Thanksgiving dinner.

Beyond the dining halls, Miami offers several on-campus spots for quick meals and snacks. Armstrong is the busiest, with fast-casual options and a market. Bell Tower Market provides grab-and-go meals, while McCracken Market stocks snacks and essentials. King Café, inside the library, is a favorite for coffee and pastries. Some popular on campus restaurants include:

Panera 🍞

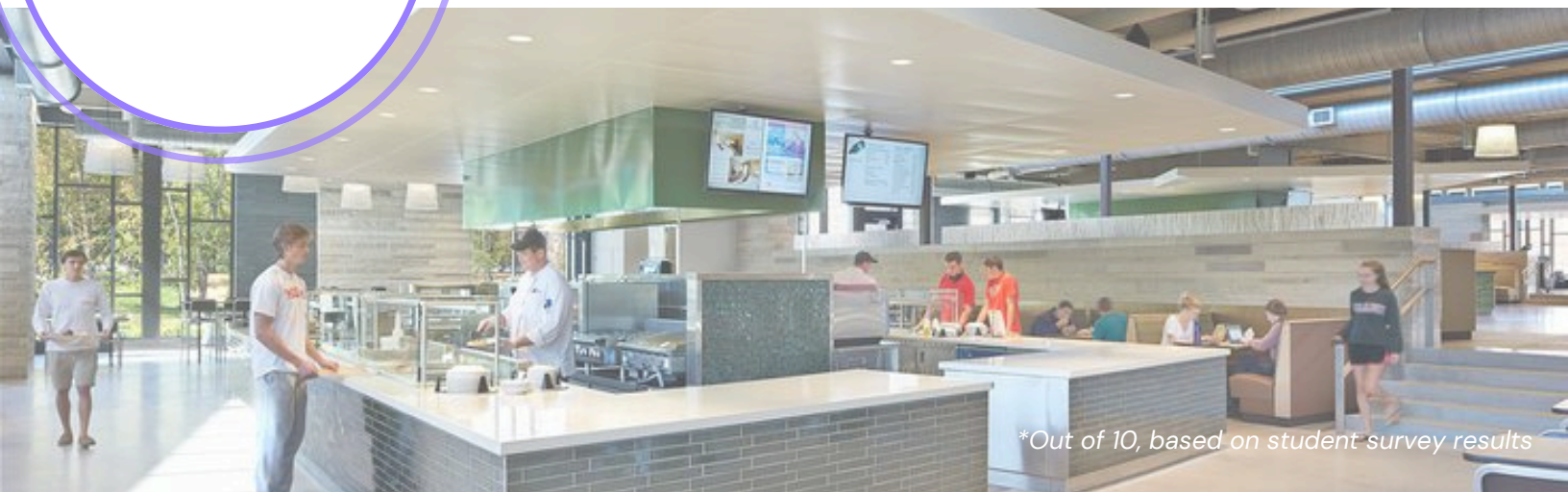
Sumeshi 🍣

Starbucks ☕

Dining hall quality*

5.6

💡 All meal plans include: Buffet meal swipes, a set amount of dining dollars (to be used at on campus restaurants), five guest meals per semester, and a bonus week's worth of buffet swipes that can be used anytime



*Out of 10, based on student survey results

GYM & HEALTH SERVICES

Rec Center

Student Rating: 6.3*

The Rec Center at Miami can get crowded, especially during peak hours, and some of the equipment is outdated or in need of maintenance. On the plus side, the staff is friendly, and the facility offers courts and a rock climbing wall.

Recreational activities available on campus:

Basketball

Pickleball

Rock Climbing

Tennis

Racquetball

Squash

Volleyball

Health Services

Miami University's Student Health Services (SHS) is easy to schedule with, and many students appreciate the friendly staff. However, there are concerns about the quality of care, with several students reporting misdiagnoses and a lack of medications. Some felt the services were limited and not very thorough, leading them to seek off-campus healthcare. While SHS is accessible, there's room for improvement in both care quality and availability.

Student Rating: 6.7*



Miami University's Student Counseling Service (SCS) offers individual and group therapy, crisis support, and psychiatric services. Students receive three free individual counseling sessions per year, with additional sessions available for a fee. The Campus Care program provides free, drop-in sessions twice a week for quick support. While some students find these services helpful, others report challenges with scheduling, and several noted that expanded mental health support is needed.

**Out of 10, based on student survey results*

⚠️ We include information on the social scene, including parties and nightlife, to give students a realistic understanding of campus culture. Our goal is to provide transparency—not to encourage any behavior. We believe that informed students make safer, smarter choices.

SOCIAL LIFE

Miami's social life revolves around Greek life, house parties, and bars. Clubs and campus events offer alternatives, but most students embrace the lively party culture.

"Even though the town of Oxford is small, there are so many things to do which leads to a great social life."

Do you feel like your college fosters a strong sense of community & belonging?*

95%

YES

5%

NO

Social Life Rating*

9.1



How has your social life experience met your expectations for your college?*

40%

Met
Expectations

0%

Did NOT Meet
Expectations

60%

Exceeded
Expectations

💡 You should know...

- Greek life is a major part of campus culture, and students who aren't involved may find it harder to integrate socially.
- The campus has a lively party culture, and social life is a big part of the Miami Ohio experience.
- It's easy to meet new people through organizations and activities.
- Some students mention a sense of entitlement and a cliquey vibe on campus.



*Based on student survey results

GOING OUT

Miami's going-out scene is lively and centers around Greek life. The focus is mainly on bars and parties, since there's not much else to do in Oxford. Students note balancing academics and social life can be tough, with such an active social scene.



Beat the Clock is a Miami favorite, where students race to get the best drink deals before prices rise throughout the night.



- **Greek Life:** Greek life is central at Miami, influencing social events, networking, and the party scene. While it offers an easy way to make friends, some students feel it can be exclusive if not involved. However, clubs, intramurals, and campus events provide other social opportunities.
- **Party Scene:** Miami has an active party culture, with frat and house parties dominating underclassman nightlife. Freshmen and sophomores often attend Greek events and off-campus parties. By junior year, students move to Uptown bars, though major weekends still feature house parties. Halloween & Green Beer Day are some of the biggest party events.
- **Bar Scene:** Uptown Oxford is the nightlife hub, with Brick Street, CJ's, and Chunks being popular spots. Miami is unique in having several 18+ bars, making nightlife accessible to younger students. Thursdays are known for bar rentals, where student organizations take over venues for themed parties.



A classic freshman night out includes pregaming in the dorms, heading to a frat or Chunks, then ending the night at Brick Street. Late-night Bagel & Deli is a must.

Brick Street Bar

Brick Street Bar is a cornerstone of Miami University's social scene, offering a vibrant atmosphere that attracts students seeking a lively night out. Known for its themed nights and live music, it provides a dynamic setting for those looking to dance and socialize.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Athletics

At Miami, athletics aren't a major focus of campus life. Some students skip sports events, and tailgates aren't a big draw for most. For those who do attend, sports offer a chance to socialize rather than show strong school spirit. While the teams have had some success, sports play a smaller role in student life overall.



Athletics Culture: 3.8*

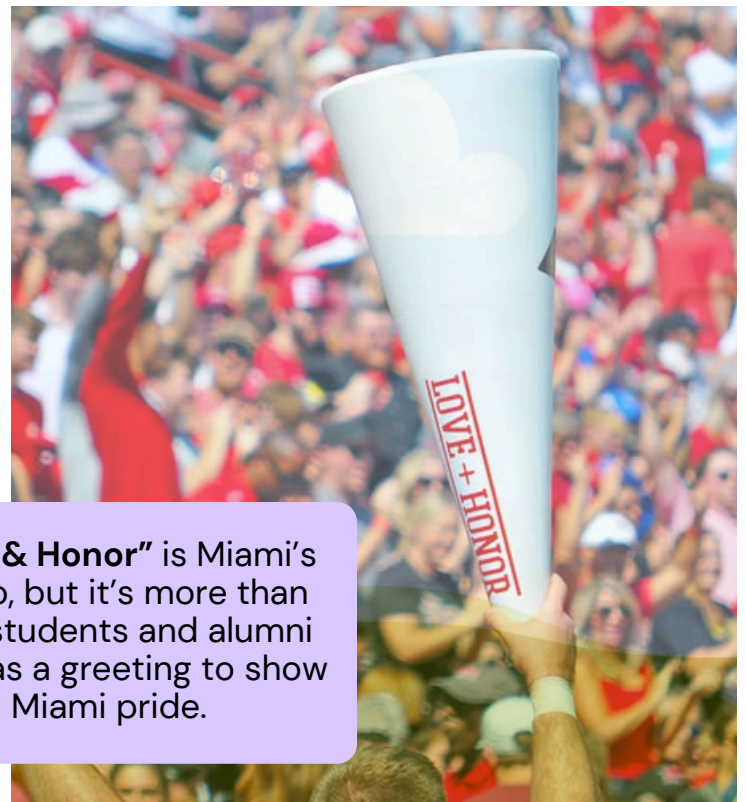
Tailgates Rating: 3.7*

Popular Sports: Hockey (most common for student to attend), Football (popular for tailgating), and Basketball (well-attended but not dominant)

Campus Events

Miami's tight-knit, social campus makes it easy to feel connected. Campus events, clubs, and Greek life create a strong sense of community.

- **Mega Fair** – A key event for Miami students, Mega Fair is a huge campus organization fair where students can explore clubs, sports, and extracurriculars.
- **Green Beer Day** – A popular tradition at Miami, this annual event marks the start of spring break with green beer, bar hopping, and a campus-wide celebration.
- **Battle of the Bricks** – One of Miami's biggest sports rivalries. This annual hockey game against Ohio University draws packed crowds to Goggin Ice Center to cheer on the RedHawks.



"Love & Honor" is Miami's motto, but it's more than that: students and alumni use it as a greeting to show Miami pride.

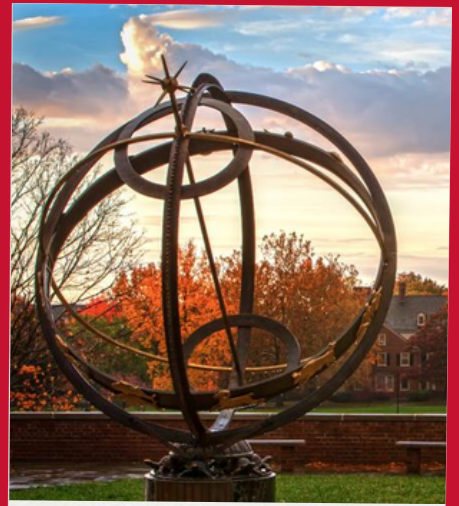
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MiamiU Hockey Team



McCracken Hall/Sorority Quad



Tri-Delt Sundial



Football Stadium



Miami U Sign



East Quad



Upham Hall



Upham Arch



Swoop the Redhawk

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