

# SPECIAL ACADEMIC SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

## Special Facilities

### Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts and the Gardiner Gallery of Art

The Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts houses the main Art Department office, the Gardiner Gallery of Art, the Visual Resource Center (VRC), and classrooms/studios for art history, painting, drawing, visual thinking: image and surface, jewelry/metals, photography and graphic design. In addition, our three large computer labs are located here and allow for all levels of digital work on both MACs and PCs. New MAC computers were installed in these labs in 2020 and were updated in 2023. Originally the building was the first women's dorm on campus. Later named for Maude Gardiner—a pioneer in home economics—it was used for many different purposes over the years until a gift from Pete and Pat Bartlett made it possible to renovate it for the Department of Art in 1984. The other Studio Art areas—ceramics, sculpture, printmaking and visual thinking: form and space—are housed in the Visual Arts Annex at the northwest corner of Ridge Drive and McElroy Road, which was built in 2002. Equipment updates and improvements to the facilities in the Bartlett Center occur on a regular basis. In 2017, a new small computer lab was created in BC 104; in 2015 a major renovation transformed the VRC into a technology center serving all students in the department. Computers are updated in the labs every three years.

Maude Gardiner continues to be recognized through the Gardiner Gallery, which serves both OSU students and the greater Stillwater community. Gallery programming includes student and faculty exhibitions as well as exhibitions of international and national artists. The gallery also features faculty and student curated shows and traveling exhibitions. For current information about Gardiner Gallery exhibitions and hours, visit the gallery's page on the Art Department's website: [https://cas.okstate.edu/department\\_of\\_art/gardiner\\_gallery\\_of\\_art.html](https://cas.okstate.edu/department_of_art/gardiner_gallery_of_art.html) or visit the gallery on the following social media platforms: [facebook.com/GardinerArtGallery/](https://www.facebook.com/GardinerArtGallery/) (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/about/special-academic-services-programs-facilities/facebook.com/GardinerArtGallery/>)

### The Biology Learning Resources Center

The LRC, which serves as a study area for life science students, especially those taking the introductory biology course. Here students may use computer tutorials, review sample tests and papers, examine experiments or meet with a Teaching Assistant or study group. The LRC is located on the third floor of Life Sciences West and is maintained by the Department of Integrative Biology.

### Collection of Vertebrates

The OSU Collection of Vertebrates (COV) is housed in Life Science West and maintained by the Department of Integrative Biology. It includes specimens over 120 years old and consists of collections of fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and frozen tissues. The Collection of Fishes maintains more than 30,000 lots of specimens, mostly from Oklahoma and other Plains states, but also includes one of the world's largest collections of rare Nepalese fish. The Collection of Amphibians and Reptiles includes approximately 12,000 specimens and houses

among the largest collections of the rare Oklahoma salamander and the grotto salamander. The Collection of Birds houses 2,500 skins, are from Oklahoma and includes the oldest specimens that date from the 1880's. The first mammal catalogued into the Collection dates from 1924 and now includes more than 13,000 specimens from every county in Oklahoma, all 50 states, and 50 other countries; every continent except Antarctica. The Collection is one of the most taxonomically diverse collections at any university in the U.S. Among the most significant components of the Collection of Mammals are the more than 1,000 specimens from Ethiopia. All specimens are valuable for their use in teaching classrooms and for research.

### Department of Design and Merchandising Teaching and Research Laboratories

Design and Merchandising has a long tradition of incorporating laboratories that realistically simulate industry environments into teaching. Teaching labs include the Sewn Products Production Lab, the Sewn Products Cutting Lab, Gerber Tech Lab and the Textile Product Evaluation Lab. Equipment in these labs include: Twining-Alberts tensile testing machine; pilling tester machine; air vapor hood; wear testing equipment; heavy-duty industrial sewing machines; sweating guarded hot plate; Kawabata Evaluation System (KES); thickness gauges; spectrophotometer, cutting tables, and pressing stations. Product development is enhanced with current digital industry technologies including Browzwear's V-Stitcher, AccuMark pattern design system (PDS), Gerber Technology – automated cutter, pattern digitizer, AccuMark, 3-D pattern visualization software, Infinity plotters and Gerber's YuniquePLM (Product Lifestyle Management) system.

Design and Merchandising also employs laboratories for conducting research. The Mixed Reality Lab provides an immersive design environment area incorporating technologies such as virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and 3D digital prototyping. Equipment includes: a Passive 3D visualization system, Mirametrix S2 passive eye tracking system, Oculus Rift devices, software and hardware for AR visualization, the Vuzix Star XLD 1200 system, multiple mobile tablet devices, a mobile 3D scanning system, two large scale Modix 120 XL 3D printers, an Ultimaker 3D printer and Emotive Neuroimaging Devices.

An ergonomics area focuses on understanding the physical and cognitive capabilities and limitations of different populations under various conditions. Equipment in this area includes: Vitus SMART (Human Solutions) 3-D body scanner, Polyworks (V10) software, 8-camera Motion Capture System (BTS Bioengineering), surface electromyography equipment, Treadmill, Tekscan pressure sensors, anthropometers, skin & core temperature measurement devices, heart rate monitors, Philip's Actigraph Spectrum watches and related equipment and equipment providing the capacity to conduct eye-tracking research. Separately, the Human Environmental Factors Lab is designed to accelerate the development, validation and adoption of interior design research for older adults and individuals living with physical and cognitive challenges.

For more information on DM laboratories and equipment, contact the Department of Design and Merchandising at 405-744-5035.

### Department of Wellness

The Department of Wellness is committed to creating a healthy campus culture for students and employees. The department offers programs and services for complete health and wellness of the mind and body for faculty, staff, students and community members.

## Wellness Programs

- **Fitness Programs** offer a variety of fitness programs and classes with multiple formats for every skill level. There are more than 100 classes offered each week, including F45, Cowboy Strong CrossFit, yoga, dance, spin, kickboxing, martial arts, abs, boot camp and more. Classes are offered at the Colvin Recreation Center, Seretean Wellness Center and Student Union.
- **Intramural Sports** serve more than 3,500 participants weekly in more than 50 sporting activities yearly. Whether you're looking for one night of competition, a weekend, or an entire season, we've got an intramural sport for you. With competitive and recreational leagues, you can play to win or just for fun.
- **Outdoor Adventure** provides opportunities for fun, adventure, education and excitement. Through trip and workshop programs Outdoor Adventure emphasizes environmental awareness, personal development, risk management training, wilderness travel and fun. With a variety of regional and national trips as well as workshops at all skill levels, staff members strive to provide opportunities for the whole community. In conjunction with trips and workshops, Outdoor Adventure offers an extensive low and high elements challenge course and an indoor climbing facility at the Colvin Recreation Center. To support courses and the local community, the outdoor equipment rental shop, at the base of the climbing wall, provides access to everything from tug-of-war ropes to sleeping bags. Whether it is exploring the Grand Canyon over spring break, spending a day at the challenge course or participating in a climbing competition, the common elements at Outdoor Adventure are quality, leadership and fun.
- **Club Sports** are recognized OSU student organizations on campus. We offer approximately 35 club sports that are designed to promote a non-varsity sport or recreational activity. Clubs differ in scope and purpose, while some clubs exist to be social and others to compete against universities throughout the region and county. Generally, a club sport program provides three basic opportunities to its members: instruction, recreation and competition.
- **Health Education Programs** strive to meet the health needs and issues of the community at Oklahoma State University through effective programming and research. We serve as a resource to the students by providing them with the most updated information on health topics such as alcohol safety, prescription drug abuse, sexual health, sleep, stress management, mental health, LGBTQ+ issues, and nutrition to name a few. Our goal is to create an environment where students feel safe and comfortable to approach the health education team with any concerns or questions they may be too afraid to ask otherwise so that our students can live their healthiest life.
- **Department of Wellness Sponsored Programs** consist of federal, state and privately-funded grants and contracts that serve the OSU community as well as fulfill the community outreach and extension components of Oklahoma State University's land-grant mission. Oklahoma ABLE Tech is the statewide Assistive Technology Act Program, which connects Oklahomans with disabilities to assistive technology, or AT, through a variety of programs and services. ABLE Tech provides access to AT through a short-term equipment loan program, AT demonstration centers, acquisition of AT and durable medical equipment, or DME, through the Device Reutilization Program and low-interest bank loans. The Device Reutilization Program is a partnership between the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Oklahoma ABLE Tech to reuse and redistribute valuable DME to Oklahomans. ABLE Tech also provides Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility

services statewide to higher education, the career tech system, and state agencies. The Special Education Resolution Center program, through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, manages the federal special education due process hearing system and alternative dispute resolution programs for Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council, through a contract with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, advises the state agency regarding its performance in providing vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities. The Department of Wellness OSU Community Wellness Programs currently consists of multiple grant-funded projects which currently include: Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) regional prevention coordinator grants, Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Partnership for Success grants, Strategic Targeted Response grants (STR- opioid prevention), Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) Healthy Living grants, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Drug Free Community Grant and SAMHSA Sober Truth on Prevention Underage Drinking (STOP) Grant.

## Wellness Services

- **Personal Training:** Exercise programs tailored by trainers to fit clients' needs. Trainers teach clients the proper technique to perform exercises correctly and effectively.
- **Massage Therapy:** Uses relaxing techniques to help the body transcend into an overall sense of well-being.
- **Health Risk Assessments:** Screenings that provide an individualized student health risk assessment designed for early detection of health problems.
- **Swim Lessons:** Group and private lessons are available for adults and children during the summer months.

## Wellness Facilities

- **Colvin Recreation Center:** Offers 250,000 square feet of recreation options including 10 basketball courts, 5 newly renovated racquetball courts, 25-ft. rock climbing wall, indoor track, cardio areas, a multipurpose gym and indoor soccer field, outdoor pool, dance studio, multipurpose fitness room/personal training studio, F45 and CrossFit studios, combatives room, cycle studio, and newly renovated pin-selectorized machines and free weights.
- **Seretean Wellness Center:** Features a newly renovated fitness center including a cardio/weight room, group exercise studios, multipurpose room, personal training area, massage therapy, demonstration kitchen, a lecture hall and Sponsored Programs testing and training center.
- **Colvin Annex:** Another great attribute to the Department of Wellness featuring four indoor basketball/volleyball courts. With the inclusion of natural light and air conditioning, it serves as the perfect location for small conferences and workshops.
- **Western Fields:** Located about a mile and a half from the Colvin Recreation Center, the Western Fields are home to multipurpose intramural fields and the Outdoor Adventure Challenge Course. The challenge course offers trainings and team-building workshops to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

The Department of Wellness aims to provide exciting and rewarding programs and services for OSU students and employees. For more information visit our website at [wellness.okstate.edu](https://wellness.okstate.edu) (<https://wellness.okstate.edu/>), like us on Facebook (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/about/special-academic-services-programs-facilities/facebook.com/OSUWELL/>) and follow us on Twitter (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/about/>)

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## Ecotoxicology and Water Quality Research Laboratory (EWQRL)

The Ecotoxicology and Water Quality Research Laboratory (EWQRL) is located in Life Sciences West and is part of the Integrative Biology Department at OSU. Established in the 1960s as the Reservoir Research Center, in 2001, the lab changed names to reflect not only our expertise in standardized aquatic toxicity testing but also additional research foci in aquatic ecosystem assessments. The EWQRL provides services to a number of companies and wastewater treatment facilities throughout Oklahoma, in the form of EPA standardized bioassays. In addition, the staff and students (both graduate and undergraduate) funded by the EWQRL, undertake aquatic monitoring projects in riverine, wetland and reservoir systems for both state and federal agencies. These projects include invertebrate and fish surveys and identification, zebra mussel monitoring, wetland delineation and toxicity assessments. The lab facilities include a fathead minnow rearing room, temperature and light controlled environmental chambers for in-house cultures of aquatic test organisms (cladocerans, amphipods and midges) and standardized toxicity testing of client produced water, a wet chemistry laboratory, computer laboratory, and numerous compound and dissecting microscopes all with digital imaging capabilities. Sampling equipment for field surveys includes a boat, electroshockers, nets, drift fences and several field meters.

## Engagement Skills Trainer (EST 2000)

The EST provides initial and sustainment marksmanship training, static unit collective gunnery and tactical training, and shoot/don't shoot training. It supports the following three modes of training: marksmanship, squad/fire team collective and judgmental use of force. The system models M4/M16A2 rifles and is deployable with its own system shelter. All EST training scenarios are U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) validated. Cadets at OSU will spend up to six to nine hours per semester using the EST, focused on grouping, zeroing, basic qualification, and advanced marksmanship techniques. The system represents the cutting edge of technology in marksmanship training across the globe.

## Herbarium

The OSU Herbarium houses the university's collection of plant specimens. It is located in Life Sciences East, Room 012, and is maintained by the Department of Plant Biology, Ecology, and Evolution. The collection consists primarily of over 150,000 specimens of vascular and non-vascular plants that are dried, mounted on archival paper or placed in packets, and stored in cabinets. There are nearly 50,000 specimens that document the flora of the state of Oklahoma, the second largest such collection in the world. The remaining specimens were collected throughout the world, with strong representation of the Great Plains region and Texas. A particularly significant collection of specimens was made throughout Mexico in the 1960s and 1970s by former curator, Dr. U.T. Waterfall. Other large collections represent the countries of Canada, Colombia, and Ethiopia. Data on these collections can be accessed on the internet through the Oklahoma Vascular Plant Database (OVDP: [www.oklahomaplantdatabase.org](http://www.oklahomaplantdatabase.org) (<http://www.oklahomaplantdatabase.org>)); Global Plants ([plants.jstor.org](http://plants.jstor.org) (<http://plants.jstor.org>)); and other repositories and aggregators. Over 225 specimens are taxonomic "types" that are the reference material that form the basis for scientific names of these plant species. The

Herbarium is known by its Index Herbariorum code, OKLA. The collection is used extensively by OSU researchers, students, land managers, government agencies, and members of the general public interested in plant identification, plant distributions, and ecology. The Herbarium also provides specimen loans to researchers at accredited institutions around the world. Herbarium staff assist with identifications and on specimen based information on request; requests from for-profit interests may be charged for this service.

## M. B. Seretean Center for the Performing Arts

The M.B. Seretean Center for the Performing Arts provides a home for portions of the Michael and Anne Greenwood School of Music and the Department of Theatre at OSU. Constructed in 1970 at a cost of three million dollars and named in honor of its principal benefactor, M.B. "Bud" Seretean, a 1947 OSU graduate, the Center is the focal point of many major theatrical and musical events on the OSU campus. The Seretean Center includes an 800-seat Concert Hall and the 600-seat Vivia Locke Theatre, which attract a myriad of fine arts activities such as ballet, concerts, opera, plays, musicals, faculty and student recitals, and a host of summer conventions and camps.

In addition to the auditorium and theatre, the Seretean Center houses teaching studios for music and theatre faculty, a variety of classrooms, a specially-designed choral room, a dance studio, a scene shop for the theatre, computer labs, and a well-equipped audio center, all designed to provide an excellent atmosphere for the teaching of the fine arts at OSU.

## Theatre

Live theatre productions are an important part of the cultural life of the campus. The OSU Theatre Department produces six to eight plays each academic year from a wide variety of dramatic and musical theatre literature. Two separate production series are offered. Each year, three to four fully-mounted large-scale productions are presented in the 600-seat Vivia Locke Theatre. Two to four experimental productions, often student-directed and designed, are presented in the 100-seat Jerry L. Davis Studio Theatre. Each production's cast and crew is comprised of theatre majors and minors as well as non-majors from across the campus. Auditions are open to all students on campus regardless of major.

## OSU Libraries

The OSU Library system consists of the Edmon Low Library at the heart of campus and three specialized branch libraries (the Education and Teaching Library (<https://library.okstate.edu/education-and-teaching-library/>) in Willard Hall, the Architecture Library (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/cunningham-architecture-library/>) in the Architecture Building and the Veterinary Medicine Library (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/veterinary-health-sciences/>) in McElroy Hall). The Edmon Low Library is open seven days per week during the fall and spring semesters. Find the latest hours at [library.okstate.edu/about/hours](http://library.okstate.edu/about/hours) (<https://library.okstate.edu/about/hours/>). The Library's six floors offer individual study spaces designated as either silent (no talking), whisper (talking softly permitted) or group. There are 24 private study rooms that can be reserved online. Desktop computers located on the first and fifth floors provide access to the Internet, MS Office, the Library Catalog and other electronic library resources. The Library also provides laptops, MacBook Pros and Microsoft Surfaces as well as an extensive list of checkout technology.

Many Library resources are available remotely 24/7 via the Library's website ([library.okstate.edu](http://library.okstate.edu) (<https://www.library.okstate.edu>)). Here you



may renew books you have checked out or determine whether a book you need is available; search the listing of more than 200 specialized databases; connect to more than 60,000 online full-text journals; and access online course reserves. If there is an article or book chapter the Library owns only in paper, use the Document Delivery ([https://library.okstate.edu/forms/get-materials/request-document-delivery-of-a-book-or-article-\(items-from-the-osu-library/\)](https://library.okstate.edu/forms/get-materials/request-document-delivery-of-a-book-or-article-(items-from-the-osu-library/))) service to request a link to a digitized copy. If you need an item not owned by the OSU Library, Interlibrary Loan (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/ILS/>) can request it for you.

The Library offers assistance in person, by phone 405-744-9775, via e-mail [lib-dls@okstate.edu](mailto:lib-dls@okstate.edu) or via chat on the Library's website. Throughout the semester, the Library offers free tours and training sessions.

For the latest Library news, events and service updates, find OkStateLibrary on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/okstatelibrary/>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/okstatelibrary/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/okstatelibrary/>), Pinterest ([https://www.pinterest.com/okstatelibrary/\\_saved/](https://www.pinterest.com/okstatelibrary/_saved/)), YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/OkStateLibrary/>) or OState.TV (<https://video.okstate.edu/channel/Library/86921402/>). The Library's calendar (<https://okstate.libcal.com/>) of events lists upcoming programming, training, tutoring and exhibits.

## Creative Studios

The Edmon Low Creative Studios (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/creativestudios/>) provides access to emerging technology and digital devices for OSU students and employees. The space is located on the first floor of the Edmon Low Library, and there you will find studios dedicated to 3D printing, virtual reality, audio production, recording and presentations, and data visualization. The Library's Tech to Go desk is also located here, with VR equipment, cameras, ring lights, tripods, microphones, microscopes, sewing machines, and projectors.

## Government Documents

The OSU Library has an extensive collection of current and historical government publications, as well as publications of the state of Oklahoma, foreign governments and international organizations providing information relevant to all majors. Publications include statistical, legislative and legal materials. Government Documents (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/government-documents/>), located on the fifth floor of the Edmon Low Library, also includes the Patent and Trademark Resource Center (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/patent-and-trademark-resource-center/>) and serves as the state's only regional depository for federal publications.

## McCasland Maps and Spatial Data

This unit receives print and digital maps produced by the U.S. Geological Survey, Census Bureau, Forest Service, National Park Service and many other federal agencies. Maps and Spatial Data (<https://info.library.okstate.edu/map-room/>), located in the lower level of the Edmon Low Library, also houses city, state, national and international maps. The collection includes a large historical set of aerial photographs of most Oklahoma counties, as well as geospatial data sets. The office also includes resources for learning more about GIS-related computing, including specialized software and instruction.

## Oklahoma Oral History Research Program

The OOHHP (<https://library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/>) promotes and facilitates the collection, preservation and analysis of interview-based research and related audio projects by educating students, faculty and

community members in the methods, protocols and professional and ethical standards of oral history. The OOHHP's extensive, award-winning interview collections focusing on Oklahoma history and culture are available online for research use.

## Research and Learning Services

RLS helps you find and use information better, faster and easier. The department partners user experience, like workshops, tours, affordable learning support and instruction support, with traditional academic services, such as data management support, copyright and citation education and research instruction. Services are open to everyone and are free, convenient and customizable.

## Special Collection and University Archives

SCUA (<https://archives.library.okstate.edu/>)'s collection focus is on the history of both Oklahoma and OSU, its employees and graduates. Featured holdings include manuscripts, photographs, rare books and research material related to campus life, Oklahoma women, history, politics, and community groups. The University Archives is also the depository for all academic and administrative documents, official records and other materials related to the management, operations and mission of Oklahoma State University.

## The OSU Museum of Art

The OSU Museum of Art in downtown Stillwater offers a variety of diverse exhibitions and programs that seek to advance creativity, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Also home to Oklahoma State University's permanent art collection, the museum provides learning opportunities that connect the university to the broader arts community beyond the OSU campus.

Located in the former Stillwater Postal Plaza, this renovated 1933 building provides a creative and symbolic setting for transformative and engaging art experiences. Admission is free for everyone. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find out more by visiting the museum's website, <https://museum.okstate.edu> (<https://museum.okstate.edu/>).

## Student Union

Dating back to 1815, college unions have always been thought of as "places where all may meet on common ground." The OSU Student Union certainly is no exception to this tradition. It has been serving the university community since 1950 and has become the place to be on the OSU campus. With a facility consisting of more than 630,000 square feet, it stands as the most comprehensive union in the world. It provides the university with such services as the University Store (textbooks, OSU merchandise and technology center), retail shops, banking services, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms and a 67-room hotel.

The primary purpose of the OSU Student Union is to be a comprehensive system of diverse people, services, programs and facilities that enrich the intellectual, cultural and social well-being of the OSU student and campus community.

Located in the Student Union is the Department of Campus Life (<http://lcl.okstate.edu>), which houses the university's more than 500 campus organizations. Many activities such as theater events, art exhibits, craft activities, speakers and so much more are provided for students by the Union's student programming organization, Student Union Activities Board (<http://suab.okstate.edu>), which is also located in the Union.

Through its meeting and conference center (<http://meetings.okstate.edu>), the Student Union hosts many events throughout the year. The variety of meeting rooms located throughout the building are also available to OSU student organizations and faculty meetings, typically at no charge.

The University Store (<http://universitystore.okstate.edu>) supports almost 75% of the Union's \$22 million operating budget which includes many Campus Life programs and services, like Camp Cowboy (<http://campcowboy.okstate.edu>) and Late Night Cafe, which have impacted thousands of OSU students throughout the years.

The Student Union's \$63 million renovation project in 2012, which was officially endorsed by the students through their increased student fee gift, allowed the university to revitalize an iconic campus building so it can better meet contemporary student needs while maintaining the significance of its history, legacy and commitment to student success. The Union was named the "No. 1 Most Amazing Student Union" by [bestcollegereviews.org](http://bestcollegereviews.org) (<http://bestcollegereviews.org>) and ranked second by Best College Values in its most amazing college unions and campus centers in the United States rankings.

More information about the Student Union and its offerings can be found at [union.okstate.edu](http://union.okstate.edu) (<http://union.okstate.edu>).

## Wes Watkins Center Meetings & Conference Services

Wes Watkins Center Meetings & Conference Services provides meeting spaces and services for the needs of Oklahoma State University and off-campus constituents. The department acts as administrator of the facility, which is home to the Center for International Trade and Development, School of Global Studies and Partnerships, and the English Language Institute. Wes Watkins Center Meetings & Conference Services offers over 42,000 square feet of meeting space, including the International Exhibit Hall, the largest meeting venue on campus. The department works with clients to coordinate event logistics, parking details, and vendor catering options.

The Wes Watkins Center, in conjunction with the Student Union, serves as a central location for international events, business meetings, social functions, and conferences at OSU. For more information about the Wes Watkins Center and Meetings & Conference Services, please visit our website at [meetings.okstate.edu](http://meetings.okstate.edu) (<https://meetings.okstate.edu/>).

## The Cleo L. Craig Child Development Laboratory

The Department of Human Development and Family Science has a rich tradition of excellence in early childhood education. The Child Development Laboratory was established in 1924. The laboratory presently resides in a facility opened in 1983 and renovated in 2010. The program serves as a field placement for early childhood education majors. Equipped with observation booths, the Child Development Laboratory is also used as a site for observation and interpretation of human growth and development by students in courses throughout the university. Research on developmentally-appropriate practice, children's learning and development, and the preparation of teachers is conducted in the facility. The Child Development Laboratory is licensed by the Department of Human Services and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The program offers planned learning activities that are developmentally appropriate and designed to model best developmental practices; frequent and positive

interactions between children and students; nutritious meals and snacks; regular communication with parents; positive guidance techniques; high teacher-child ratios; experienced Early Childhood Education degreed staff; and on-going systematic programming.

The program provides the highest quality of early childhood education to children with and without developmental disabilities by providing exemplary services based on recommended practices to young children with diverse abilities and their families. The Child Development Laboratory provides family-centered services designed to meet the individualized needs of all children and families; offers a blend of educational and therapy services within the context of a developmentally-appropriate curriculum; and prepares children for their next educational environment.

Subject to availability, families have the opportunity to enroll in this model early childhood program. Children enrolled in the program range in age from 12 months through six years of age.

## The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Experiential Learning Laboratories

Taylor's Teaching Restaurant is an experiential laboratory that emphasizes quality food service utilizing a thoughtfully prepared menu featuring seasonal ingredients. Students develop skills in food preparation, service techniques, dining room management and profitability. Focus is on professionalism, quality management and guest satisfaction.

Planet Orange Café is a quick service concept with an upbeat and dynamic atmosphere. Students progress through staged learning in this lab developing the skills to assume management responsibility.

The Wayne Hirst Center for Beverage Education promotes a curriculum at the forefront of beverage education featuring a variety of formats including coffees, teas and other beverages.

Experiential and connectional learning opportunities are facilitated in these learning laboratories through three student-led events: the Distinguished Chef Scholarship Benefit Series, Hospitality Days Career Fair and the Wine and Craft Beer Forums of Oklahoma. All students are encouraged to participate in these service-learning activities and earn elective credits in doing so.