OBJECTIVIST ACADEMIC CENTER

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About the Objectivist Academic Center

The Objectivist Academic Center (OAC) is a distance learning program of the Ayn Rand Institute (ARI) offering in-depth training in philosophy, communication and the skills needed to pursue an intellectual career. With courses for both beginning and advanced students of Objectivism, the OAC allows those at various points in their education to increase their understanding of Ayn Rand's ideas.

ARI's mission is to advance Ayn Rand's philosophy in order to change the culture's intellectual direction. But the intellectual climate of a culture is established by the ideas put forward by the leading intellectuals of that culture: the historians, economists, philosophers, scientists, journalists, policy analysts, writers—all those whose careers involve the dissemination of ideas, whether by teaching, public speaking, writing or other means.

To change our culture by spreading Ayn Rand's philosophy requires new intellectuals who have a deep understanding of that philosophy and a commitment to a professional career spent working to shape the intellectual debate by injecting new ideas into their fields. The OAC was established as the key educational program to train these new intellectuals.

Who should apply?

The OAC is aimed at students who are planning to pursue intellectual careers in academia or public policy. Students applying to the OAC's Core Course need not have fully decided on such a career, but they should be interested in exploring what an intellectual career would involve.

Designed for those who want to fast-track the process of digesting and understanding Ayn Rand's radical and thought-provoking ideas, the OAC offers both introductory and advanced training. The OAC curriculum is designed and taught by instructors who are aware of the common errors, confusions and questions that come up in one's mind as one is learning the material.

Students who are seriously considering careers in such fields as economics, history, psychology, philosophy, literature, journalism, policy analysis, and so on, are welcome to apply.

Student Testimonials:

"The class discussions with Dr. Ghate have been invaluable to my development as a philosophic thinker."

"I can tell this program will be a huge benefit to me, long term."

"It's been great in its own right learning about Objectivism, but also good in an unusual way in that it has helped me make more out of my college education."

"Anyone who's interested in learning more about Objectivism on a deeper level should apply to the OAC."

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What is the program?

The OAC begins with a one-year intensive course—the Core Course. The goal of the Core Course is to help students develop a proper approach to philosophy and to offer training in the art of objective communication—communicating ideas objectively both in speaking and in writing.

The Advanced Education Program is intended for students who have decided to pursue careers as professional intellectuals. One important goal of the program is to help students develop the professional skills necessary to achieve a proper career orientation—which is as vital to career success as knowledge of one's field and training in proper thinking methods.

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OAC students are eligible to apply for grants and other forms of financial aid to assist them in their intellectual studies and careers. And by participating in our programs, students enjoy the benefit of having classmates who share a passion for Ayn Rand's ideas.

The OAC is a distance learning program intended to supplement, not replace, a standard college education. There is no charge for either the one-year introductory Core Course or the Advanced Education Program. If this unique opportunity to study Ayn Rand's ideas sounds like the program for you, apply today.

Frequently Asked Questions about the OAC

Q: Is there an age limit for applying to the OAC?

A: No. There is no age limit for applying to the OAC. While most OAC students are college-aged, every application we receive will be considered in terms of the candidate's fit with the program.

Q: I graduated from college many years ago. Can I still apply?

A: Yes. Applicants need not be currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a university program in order apply to the OAC. We will consider every application we receive.

Q: Can non-US residents apply to the OAC?

A: Yes. Applications are welcome from citizens of any country.

Q: Is the OAC an accredited program?

A: No. The OAC is not currently a program which offers accreditation in conjunction with universities.

Q: What is the format of the live classes?

A: All classes are conducted via Internet group webinar and/or teleconference, allowing students to attend "live" from anywhere in the world. Although there is no physical campus, students in Orange County, California, are invited to attend in person at ARI's main office.

Q: I'm interested in applying to the OAC. Where can I learn more about the application process?

A: Please review our Applying to the OAC page, wherein all the steps for the application process are outlined.

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