

Student Groups at Olin

2022-23

Being involved on campus is an integral part of the college experience. Here at Olin, there are several ways for students to get involved – from participating in Student Government, to volunteer and service opportunities, to joining a club or organization, to joining a competition team. Below is a current list of student groups for the 2022-23 academic year. If students have an interest that isn't on this list, they are encouraged to reach out to studentaffairs@olin.edu or cco@olin.edu to learn more about how to start a group!

Acronym

Student run coffee shop with the goal of providing coffee and connection to everyone on Olin Campus.

ARCaid

The Academic Resource Co-Design program is an academic support resource where trained peers can assist students in learning behavior tasks and skills. Topics that ARCs might be able to assist with include time management, study strategies, organizational skills, processing teaming situations, effective communication with faculty, taking notes, project scoping and planning, and more! ARCaid is a service where ARCs are available to work with students on a walk-in basis throughout the week

Art & Spirituality

Brings together the Olin community by allowing free expression of the inner soul via art and spirituality.

BAJA

Olin Baja is a student team from Olin College of Engineering. We compete in the intercollegiate Baja SAE design series, which involves designing, building, testing, and racing an off-road vehicle. Our team has 35 undergraduate students from all classes. We are an education-oriented team which provides members with long-term experience in an extensive, hands-on engineering project. Additionally, students get to work on design, manufacturing, testing, fixing, and even racing our vehicle! Email us at baja@olin.edu for more information!

Board Game Club

This club aims to work on providing an organized and easy to use board game closet in each dorm building for the students as well as offer times to learn and play board games together.

BOCA

The Babson-Olin Catholic Association is the Roman Catholic faith organization at Babson and Olin Colleges. Our mission is to provide a welcoming community for Catholic students and students of similar

faiths from both colleges to come together to strengthen and live their faith. We hold events and dinners throughout the school year and have mass at Glavin Chapel every Sunday.

Catalyst

Formerly the Foundry, Catalyst is a student-run organization at Olin College of Engineering dedicated to expanding opportunities for students to engage with entrepreneurship. Throughout the year, we run several events to help connect students with startups, entrepreneurs, venture capital, and the Boston entrepreneurship community. We typically hold weekly meetings open to anyone to host speakers, share ideas, or to work on existing projects. The leadership board also meets once a week to work out administrative details and figure out ways to support our members. Above all, we aim to make entrepreneurship more accessible for Oliners.

Cheese Club

Enjoying cheese together.

Christian Fellowship

Olin Christian Fellowship (OCF) is a community for Christians and those interested in learning more. We help students find churches to attend in the nearby area. Additionally, we have meetings where we worship and hold Bible studies.

BOW Climbing Organization

A club for those in the Babson, Olin, Wellesley community that love rock climbing.

CORe

CORe is a student experience organization centered around two complementary mission areas. First, CORe is the representative body that acts as the student body government, helps shape continuous improvement goals for the student body, and works to amplify the value of student input in all change initiatives that occur at Olin College. Second, CORe is further charged with coordinating action initiatives where student input is involved as necessary, ensuring the realization of student body goals and change initiatives. CORe also helps to fund student clubs, organizations, and initiatives.

Design, Build, Fly

Founded in 2017, we are a team of undergraduate students that develop highly specialized electric RC aircraft for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Design-Build-Fly competition. In our first year of competition, we gained recognition as the 11th place finisher internationally in Wichita, Ks, placing 8th the following year in Tucson, Az. Team members gain experience through a variety of tasks, building skills in mechanical design, composite fabrication, simulation, aerodynamic analysis, actuation, part selection, fabrication, team collaboration, communication, RC flying, and more.

Olin Fire Arts Club

Olin Fire Arts Club is a student-run group that teaches and fosters fire arts performance at Olin.

Forge club

Students that maintain and operate Olin's forge. We train people how to use it safely and then they can use it whenever (within the confines of the safety protocol).

Formula

Formula SAE is one of the world's most rigorous academic motorsports competitions, with the goal of producing highly skilled undergraduates with direct experience in engineering, organization, and management. Student teams from all over the world design, build, and race small-scale formula-style race cars to directly compete with other universities. Formula SAE encompasses all aspects of car manufacturing, including research, design, construction, testing, developing, marketing, management, and fund raising. Formula SAE teams produce experienced and capable engineers who are ready to turn their skills and passion towards future engineering challenges.

Franklin W. Olin Players (FWOP)

The Franklin W. Olin Players (FWOP) will strive to enhance the culture of the Olin College community through the medium of the performing arts. FWOP-sponsored activities will be student-driven, emphasize the Olin ideal of balanced student interests, and serve to reach and involve the entire Olin community.

Frankly Speaking

Olin College's student-run, unofficial, news source.

Girls Who Code

Host weekly meetings to discuss positive and inclusive coding culture, share information on career opportunities and practices from the Girls Who Code weekly newsletter, and support people learning about CS from one another.

Glass Club

Glass Club was created to provide students with the opportunity to work with molten glass. Glass-working is an amazing fusion of concepts that takes knowledge from chemistry, physics, and art to excel. We focus on small-scale "lampworking" (forming glass with a torch) to further our education in the fine arts.

(H)OLA (Olin Latinx Association)

Aims to achieve this purpose through planning, organizing, and hosting events that improve the educational and cultural awareness of the Olin community.

The Jewish Organization at Olin (JOO)

Aims to foster a sense of Jewish community, identity, and belonging for Jewish Oliners—religious, cultural, and everywhere in between. We join Babson Hillel for weekly Shabbat dinners and holidays, in addition to other informal activities throughout the year. We strongly encourage all Jews at Olin—no matter how Jewish you consider yourself to be—to join!

Kitchen Club

The aim of the Kitchen Club is to build community at Olin by sharing fresh baked goods in the dorm kitchens. We will do this through club events where we bake food, and then share it with everyone. We also hope to serve as good stewards of the kitchens by making sure they are a clean, usable, and allergen friendly space for everyone.

Lemons Car Club

We build, modify, and repair track-only project vehicles to compete in the “24 hours of Lemons” race.

Martial Arts Club

Absolute beginner classes in self-defense and mixed martial arts two days a week. If you have not done martial arts with me before, this is not a thing to miss! We will keep classes fun, practical, interactive, and low-to-moderate intensity, and you will always know what you are getting into before we start. (If you have martial arts experience, bring it with you! We will do advanced stuff too.)

Milk

Sampling and enjoying various milks.

The MIX

The MIX aims to celebrate and empower the diversity of the Olin community. Diversity to us is the rich variety of cultures, identities, beliefs, and backgrounds that make us who we are. The MIX strives to promote a culture of mutual respect, acknowledgment, and empathy for all members of the Olin community.

Olin Climate Justice

Olin Climate Justice (OCJ) is a student activist group advocating for institutional change to combat the climate crisis. We prioritize systemic change and institutional accountability over individual action, and engage in constructive efforts to move Olin towards a just and sustainable future. Climate justice cannot wait.

OCARC (Olin Collegiate Amateur Radio Club)

OCARC (Olin's Collegiate Amateur Radio Club) coordinates all amateur/ham radio activities at Olin. We specialize in volunteering for public service events like these, where we act as the "eyes on the course", providing important communications for event leaders. When the International Space Station passes over

Olin, we talk on its radio repeater from the Great Lawn. We're also working on building our own repeater to go on the roof of the MAC! These activities are just a small sample of what is possible with amateur radio. Members get the fee to apply for their license waived!

OCEAN

OCEAN stands for Olin Collective Engagement & Activism Network. This is a new club created to bring people together, talk over difficult topics, and create change at Olin.

Olin Cyclists

Provide functional and safe Go Bikes, and the resources students need to ride and maintain their own bikes and communal bikes. In addition, we plan to hold regular rides for folks of various skill levels to increase participation in cycling at Olin.

Olin Dance Ensemble (ODE)

ODE works to create a welcoming environment for everyone to dance and host a recital each semester.

Olin Indian Club

Olin Indian Club aims to create awareness of India's rich and varied heritage at Olin, and to lend a helping hand to the new, incoming Indian students in getting oriented to Olin. Everyone in the Olin community is welcome to join us! We organize fun events, celebrate cultural festivals, and try to create a feeling of a 'home away from home'. So come along, be a part of this large family that celebrates India and invite anyone to become a part of the community!

Olin Martial Arts Club

Learn, teach, practice, understand and appreciate a variety of martial arts, including but not limited to kung fu, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts.

OPEN

OPEN exists to foster community and support a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQ people and allies, and to raise awareness of LGBTQ related issues in the larger Olin culture

Outing Club

We run the Labor day weekend camping trip - we also aim to equip Olin students for camping and fun in the outdoors whenever they desire.

Product, Building, and Jamming (PBJ)

Product, Building, and Jamming is a Babson club, that is open to the BOW community. Our club's goal aims to hold members accountable in building their skills in product design, specifically the software aspect. Members are taught by experienced and successful product design and software engineer

mentors, so they can work in cohorts to create a product deliverable of their choosing to present on demo day at the end of the semester.

PIInT

PIInT is a student-led group on campus working to create and support ways for the Olin community to translate their skills into addressing the wider world's complex issues. Part of this initiative means starting events and conversations about engineering, policy, society, and our responsibility as engineers. Another part of this initiative is developing multiple avenues for students to get involved in. This includes pro-bono consulting work for non-profits, integrating ethics exercises and real-life scenarios into the curriculum, and student-led activism and art.

Powerchords

Acapella Group for singers at Olin College.

Robotics Lab

The Olin College Robotics Lab is a student-driven research lab at Olin College, specializing in autonomous air, ground, surface, and submersible vessels built around a common control system and software architecture.

Rocketry

Olin Rocketry is a student-led project team at Olin College of Engineering. We compete at the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition at Spaceport America in New Mexico. This involves designing, building, testing, and launching our dual-deployment high-powered rocket. We are currently in a two-year design cycle in which we are designing and building our own carbon fiber fins & body-tubes, fiberglass nosecone, avionics PCBs. C++ code to control our avionics and chute deployment, APCP solid fuel engine, and scientific payload. These student research and development projects allow for extensive hands-on experience with mentorship from experienced individuals in the industry (external and internal). Email us at olinrocketry@gmail.com for more information!

Running Club

The purpose of this club is to create a community of runners that help Oliners: Get and stay in shape, Find training partners, Share running tips and information. The group also participates in races through NIRCA, the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association)

Sailing Team

Participate in sailing races.

SERV

SERV, the committee to Support, Encourage, and Recognize volunteerism, is a branch of Student Government whose role is to foster community awareness, increase involvement in community service

activities, and work to support and coordinate community service activities at Olin. SERV coordinates with outside groups seeking volunteers, plans one-time and whole community events, and charters student-lead service projects.

Siblings

Siblings is a BOW organization dedicated to building support and community for trans, nonbinary, and questioning students. We work to form connections, inform folks about medical processes, and provide safe spaces for transgender students across the three campuses.

Soccer

Connect students through a co-ed soccer team.

Sodium

SODIUM (Silly Oliners Doing Improv Und Magick) serves to provide comedic entertainment to the Olin community, as well as teach its members the essentials of longform improv comedy. Its members travel to perform with other college troupes, compete, and seek out coaching and demonstrations from professional comedians

SLAC (Stay Late and Create)

The goal of SLAC is to provide an open venue with resources, empowerment, and support for peer learning and personal projects. SLAC meets weekly to provide a venue for personal project work, peer-led tutorials and talks, as well as open-ended discussions of a wide variety of subjects. SLAC also serves as a central meeting place for several other clubs' events and activities weekly. In addition to weekly meetings, SLAC also hosts an annual festival of creativity, SLACfest. The final area of focus of SLAC is the goal of working with other clubs and organizations to help put on events.

SWE (Society of Women Engineers)

The purpose of the Olin SWE Chapter is to provide Olin students (of all genders) that are interested in promoting women in engineering with professional development opportunities and mentorship

TOW Club

We intend to design and build winches along with using them to participate in a number of different towing activities.

Ultimate Frisbee

Competitive frisbee team.

Unicycling Club

Teach club members how to ride a unicycle and host unicycle rides around the area.