

This document is a summary of some of the key policies in place for both the Pioneer program and students.

For a more detailed description of each expectation, please refer to the Student Enrollment Agreement the student and family signed when joining the program.

- The Student understands and agrees that success in the Program is contingent upon the Student's own effort and dedication.
- The Program will provide the student with at least 10 online face-to-face sessions with a Professor.
 - All online group sessions last at least 90 minutes.
 - At least 40% of those online sessions will be one-on-one with the Professor. Each one-on-one session lasts 45 minutes to an hour.
- The Student may use the writing center up to four times on work related to the Program.
- The Program will offer multiple online research seminars to support the Student in the Student's research and paper-writing.
- The Student affirms the Student's willingness and agreement to comply with Pioneer's Harassment and Misconduct Policy. Violation of the policy may result in, but is not limited to, the Student's suspension or termination from the Program without refunding Program fees.
- A login name and password will be provided by Oberlin and strictly for Oberlin Library access for research purposes only. Pioneer and Oberlin strictly forbid this access for any political reasons. Oberlin and Pioneer staff will be alerted if students use it for anything other than Pioneer-related research and may revoke access if misuse continues.
- The Student is responsible for purchasing all textbooks or other research materials outside of those research materials provided through Oberlin College's online library.
- The Student understands that the Program grade will be determined by the Professor according to the Professor's grading policy and Pioneer's grading standards. The Student agrees that the grade the Professor assigns in the Student's evaluation is final.
- The Student must maintain a high level of responsiveness to communication from the Student's Professor and Pioneer.
 - If the student does not respond to electronic communications from Pioneer or their Professor for 10 consecutive days, the student forfeits the right to complete the Program and receive any refund.

- After the sessions are scheduled, the Student must be available for the agreed-upon session times.
 - If the student misses a group session for a valid reason with advance notice, Pioneer will attempt to provide the Student with the session recording.
 - The Student acknowledges that the Professor has the right to reschedule sessions if the Professor gives advance notice to Pioneer.
 - Each Pioneer Scholar has the privilege of requesting to reschedule 1 individual session with a valid reason. No other reschedule will be allowed except in particularly compelling circumstances, such as a sudden illness or family emergency. Each rescheduling request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Pioneer does not allow any outside writing service in the process of the program. Any ghostwriting or direct changes in writing done by help can be deemed as plagiarism. If Pioneer or the Professor discovers that the Student has plagiarized any material within the Student's research paper or any other written assignments, then the situation may result in the Student's termination from the Program without refunding Program fees.
 - Throughout the course of the Program, the Student may not accept help on their Pioneer Research Program work from any external party unless previously approved by both the Professor and Pioneer.
- The student agrees that Pioneer will, at its discretion, inform the student's parents/guardians, high school counselors and teachers, and/or independent counselors about the Student's performance during the Student's participation and after the student has completed the Program.