The Campus

Setting

Oneonta is a college town of about 14,000 residents and students in the northwestern foothills of the Catskills. The city is about 75 miles from Albany and 60 miles from Binghamton, via Interstate 88, which passes through the city. Oneonta is easily accessible by car, as well as by Trailways and Greyhound bus lines.

The College is located on Oyaron Hill and commands an impressive view of the city and some 30 miles of the Susquehanna Valley. There are 28 buildings on the 425-acre campus, as well as several recreational areas and athletic fields.

Hartwick benefits from the presence in Oneonta of the State University College at Oneonta. An exchange agreement enables students to cross-register for courses on the other campus and use the library facilities of both institutions.

Academic Buildings

**Anderson Center for the Arts**, named for President and Mrs. Adolph G. Anderson, is a distinctive contemporary-style building, which provides facilities for art and music. There are well-equipped studios and classrooms; soundproof practice rooms; an extensive slide library; a record and music library; the Foreman Gallery, which hosts changing exhibitions; and a theatre/recital hall for music, drama and lectures.

**Arnold Hall**, dedicated to the College’s third president, houses administrative offices, social science and humanities faculty, classrooms; technology services, and the Trustee Center for Professional Development, Institutional Advancement, and Finance and Business Affairs.

**Bresee Hall**, named in memory of Frank Harmon Bresee, a founder and trustee of the College, is the original building of the College. Designed by the firm of John Russell Pope, architects of the Jefferson Memorial and the National Gallery of Art, it is on the National Register of Historic Places. It contains the offices of the president, admissions, and academic affairs, and planning; classrooms and resource areas for economics and management; the Hartwick Humanities in Management Institute; a laboratory theatre; Larsen Lounge, a formal reception room; and Eaton Lounge, used for receptions, seminars, informal lectures and meetings.

**Clark Hall** is adjacent to Bresee Hall and houses classrooms, laboratories, resource rooms, and faculty offices for psychology, computer science and information science, mathematics, foreign languages and English and theatre arts, and education. The Writing Center, a faculty resource center, a public-access computing lab, an expanded media center, and the College’s technology services operation.

**The Science Center Complex**, Hartwick’s newest academic facility completed in Spring 2001, consists of a striking four-story facility and the renovated **Miller Hall of Science** (which honors a former senior professor of biology, Forrest W. Miller). The facility provides flexible, technology-ready shared spaces for cross-disciplinary teaching and student-faculty research, and includes new classrooms and laboratories, a workshop auditorium, and offices and research areas for biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computer and information sciences, geology and environmental sciences, mathematics, nursing, and physics as well as interdisciplinary programs in biotechnology.
and molecular biology; ecology, environmental science and policy, and science communications.

Shineman Chapel House includes the Celebration Room, a multipurpose gathering space with a two-manual Carlson pipe organ, and offices.

Ernest B. Wright Observatory, named for trustee Ernest B. Wright, consists of a domed building housing a 40 centimeter convertible Cassegrain/Newtonian telescope, and an adjacent astronomy classroom building located high atop Oyaron Hill.

Yager Hall houses the library, museum, Sondhi Limthongkul Center for Interdependence, Wallace Klinger Board Room, Slade Theatre, the Paul F. Cooper, Jr. Archives, classrooms and laboratory and office space for anthropology. The building is named in memory of Willard E. Yager, an amateur archaeologist who assembled an outstanding collection of American Indian artifacts that are now part of the College museum.

College Library

The Stevens-German Library provides a comfortable area for student research and study. Students can work in individual study areas, in small conference rooms and in a late-night study which is available 24 hours. With computer facilities for information retrieval, classroom computer exercises and general laboratory work complementing extremely rich bibliographic resources, the library is a vital and effective resource for the College and its students.

Included in the library are over 297,000 volumes of books and subscriptions to over 1,400 journals and newspapers. These holdings are complemented by access to national and international bibliographic databases, electronic research services, and a system of interlibrary loan, which extends library resources far beyond the confines of the Hartwick campus. Library resources are made available by a comprehensive computerized library system, which is available via personal computers and terminals in the library and through the campus computer network.

Professional librarians provide a wide range of services to Hartwick students. The librarians are experienced in methods of research and are knowledgeable of both student and departmental needs regarding research projects, which are an increasingly important part of the College’s curriculum. Librarians work closely with faculty and students in obtaining resources and in making sophisticated electronic research services available to facilitate student research.

Three notable collections of materials also enhance the library’s usefulness to students and provide research opportunities to faculty and student scholars. The library holds the papers of the Hartwick Seminary, the first Lutheran seminary in the New World; the papers of Judge William Cooper, founder of Cooperstown and father of James Fenimore Cooper; and the Willard E. Yager papers and books, known as the North American Indian Collection, an important resource for scholars in the field of Native American studies.

The library incorporates traditional library services with modern information technologies to help students acquire the knowledge and information-gathering skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Science Facilities

With the completion of the College’s most complex facilities project in its history, Hartwick students have unprecedented opportunities for learning experiences that emulate the kinds of scientific exploration in which today’s scientists currently are involved, whether they are science majors or not. Hartwick’s Science Complex features three interdisciplinary centers - The Center for Science Communications; The Center for Ecology, Environmental Sciences and Policy Studies; and The Biotechnology Center; as well as areas for the more traditional science disciplines of biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computer and information sciences, geology and environmental sciences, mathematics, nursing, and physics. The Science Complex consists of classrooms, seminar rooms, computer classrooms, laboratories, as well as suites of individual research areas. A sampling of the facility resources include a math and science writing center, graphics/computer imaging lab, an integrated environmental studies and research center, biotechnology teaching lab, anatomy and physiology lab, histology lab, optics lab, computer and information sciences research and development lab, geochemistry lab, and nursing lab. Specialized equipment includes a nuclear magnetic resonance machine, critical care simulation unit, environmental chambers, transmission and scanning electron microscopes, inverted microscope, CO2 chamber, a complete tissue culture laboratory and an observatory with a 16-inch reflecting telescope. Hartwick’s faculty create learning experiences that emulate the kinds of scientific exploration in which today’s scientists are currently involved, by placing all students in the role of science researcher.

Museum and Collections

The Yager Museum features changing and permanent exhibitions derived from traveling exhibits and the Museum’s excellent anthropological and fine arts
collections. Seven exhibition galleries and administrative offices are located on the first floor of Yager Hall with permanent holdings of some 60,000 objects that include major collections of Upper Susquehanna Indian archaeology; Southwestern pottery, baskets, and rugs; South American pre-Columbian and Mesoamerican ethnographic and archaeological material. The fine arts collection includes numerous items ranging from the European Renaissance through contemporary American paintings, sculpture, and prints. In addition, the Museum has a diverse natural history collection that includes herbarium, shell, and ornithological collections.

The Museum also includes a contemporary art gallery, the Foreman Gallery, located in Anderson Center for the Arts; this gallery exhibits the work of regional and nationally known artists as well as the work of Hartwick students and faculty.

The Yager Museum began with Willard and Marion Yager’s bequest of Willard’s collection of primarily local American Indian artifacts, art, and print materials. This gift was accompanied by a substantial endowment for supporting the display and study of the collection and for research and education in American Indian studies. Since that time the museum has grown to include additional collections in archaeology, ethnography, the fine arts, and botany.

In keeping with the vision of its founder and the mission of the College, The Yager Museum has become an educational institution dedicated to the collection, preservation, interpretation, and exhibition of art and artifacts. The Yager Museum reflects the academic interests of the College and is committed to presenting them in appropriate campus settings in informative, scholarly, and integrative ways. Through these and other means, the Museum plays a major role in educating the students, faculty, and staff of the College as well as local and regional communities.

The Museum also provides laboratory research facilities for anthropology, art, art history, and museum studies students by providing access to the collections for study. Hartwick College also offers a Museum Studies minor, which is closely linked to The Yager Museum’s programs, collections, and exhibits.

The Yager Museum Shop features a wide range of merchandise, including works by local and regional artists and craftspeople, and ethnographic items relevant to our exhibitions.

**Information Technology Resources**

Hartwick College has emphasized the use of technology resources as a major component of its educational program for a decade. In the early 1990s, the College began providing all incoming students with new laptop computers, and giving them instant access to its wide area network, long before “ubiquitous computing” was fashionable.

An important part of technology at Hartwick is its use within the educational program, across all disciplines, and in- and out-of the classroom. Use is extensive; not focused solely in any discipline or division; reflects applications for teaching, research, and assessment; and has grown in its dependence on web-based, network-based, and Internet based tools and resources, which makes it possible for students and faculty, on and off-campus, to engage in educational and research pursuits at any time, from anywhere. Technology use in the curriculum has been a Hartwick tradition. For example, computers have long been standard use in calculus courses, chemistry and physics courses use Hartwick-faculty designed programs that enable students to explore the laws and principles of the discipline, art history courses are based in web applications and use, and management and economics have redesigned their programs to highlight technology use. Faculty have adopted Blackboard’s CourseInfo course authoring and management portal software, with use across all disciplines.

To enable students to have ready access to technology resources, all full-time matriculated students receive a notebook computer, printer, network adapter, and software when they enter Hartwick. The cost of the computer system is included in tuition and amortized over the student’s four years of enrollment at the College.

The College’s award-winning campus network provides everyone with voice, data, and video networking services. Students who live on campus can connect their notebook computers to the network from their rooms; off-campus students may connect either from public access locations on campus or through a telephone or cable modem connection; and all students can connect from the several hundred data connections around the campus. Any classroom can become a networked classroom as all classrooms and labs are connected to the campus network. Each student receives a network system account, which provides for electronic mail, a personal web page, and access to campus computing and information systems. Students also have access to the Library catalog, electronic indexes and reference tools, electronic full-text periodicals, and software through the network.

All resident students have voice (telephone and voice mail) and campus video services. Students who live off-campus have voice mailboxes that they can access from on or off campus. Our "one port per pillow
"wiring philosophy enables two students who share a residence room to each have a phone, data connection, and video connection. It is not uncommon for roommates to be connected to the data network, talking with classmates on the phone, while two different video broadcasts are playing in the background.

Faculty commonly hold virtual office hours—daytime and evening—when the faculty member will answer student questions by e-mail or voice mail. Exchanging e-mail and voice mail with faculty, staff, and even the president is a part of life at Hartwick.

It also is common for faculty to schedule video broadcasts of class materials outside class time. The 34 channel campus video system carries a mix of programming including Scola and four language channels, a movie channel, a student-programmed channel, five classroom channels, and a steerable-dish channel. News, entertainment, and other programming also are provided.

Powering this technology infrastructure is a gigabit switched-Ethernet fiber optic campus area network. This network provides gigabit links between campus buildings and 10/100MB Ethernet connectivity to every personal computer. Windows-based computers are the campus standard, although Macintoshes are used in specific applications. An Intecom E digital PBX and Octel Aria provide voice and voice mail services. Six satellite dishes, one DSS, an AMX Synergy system, and fiber optic feed from the local cable TV franchise provide video programming. Computing and information resources are provided from three IBM Netfinity Windows NT/2000 systems, one Compaq AlphaServer ES40, and one Digital Alpha Workstation.

Also available to students are the computer facilities of three public computing facilities, one each in the Stevens-German Library, Clark Hall, and the new Science Facility. These facilities also offer network, laser printing, and scanning access, and are often used for class instruction. A number of specialized facilities are available around the campus including a Visual Communications and Music Composition lab, a multimedia language arts laboratory, a research and development lab for Computer and Information Sciences students, a Graphics Imaging lab in the Science Communications Center, and several departmental computer clusters. The video production studio and analog and digital video editing systems are also available for student use.

The College’s technology staff assist students, faculty, and staff in technology and media applications. All new students receive an extensive orientation to their computer system, software, Web page development and the Hartwick network. Training courses are offered in the campus-supported software applications, and students, faculty, and staff may enroll in courses at Hartwick’s community technology center located in downtown Oneonta. The Technologies Services Center is available for walk-in problems, and the College maintains an on-site manufacturer certified computer repair shop.

Residential Facilities

Nine residence halls—Holmes, Leitzell, New Residence I, New Residence II, Saxton, Charlotte Smith, Charles Smith, Wilder, and van Ess—provide accommodations for approximately 85 percent of the student body. Nearby the campus are three fraternity and three sorority houses that house about 100 students.

Special-interest housing is encouraged, limited only by space available in College housing. A townhouse complex, Miller A.E. Ritchie Quadrangle, offers on-campus apartment-style living for upperclass students.


Campus Center

The Campus Center in Dewar Hall offers a variety of services to the Hartwick community, including the campus post office, College Commons, College Bookstore, campus store, private dining and meeting rooms, student life and services offices and offices for student organizations. A large and dramatic multipurpose space known as the Agora is used for dances, concerts and lectures, special events, as well as relaxing and studying. The popular Table Rock Cafe is located next to the Agora, as is Laura’s Coffeehouse.

Athletic Facilities

The Frederick Moore Binder Physical Education Center, named for the fifth president of the College, provides modern facilities for recreation, physical education classes, intramurals, club and intercollegiate sports. It includes two gymnasiums; Moyer Pool, an eight-lane, 25-yard swimming pool and diving complex; handball, racquetball and squash courts; a dance room; athletic training facility; and the Elting Fitness Center.

Adjoining outdoor facilities include: lighted varsity soccer game field and 8-lane Balsam International track
(Elmore Field); lighted All-Weather playing field (field hockey, football, lacrosse and intramurals); six tennis courts; and three additional all-purpose grass playing fields.

**Pine Lake Environmental Campus**

The Pine Lake Environmental Campus was purchased by Hartwick College in 1971. Located eight miles from Hartwick’s main campus, it functions as a learning center, a living laboratory, a natural outdoor playground, and a residential lifestyle alternative.

Pine Lake is a 914-acre rural site composed of interdependent environments, ranging from the nearly pristine to the residential. Roughly 800 acres of its upper hillside forest are situated in a segment of state and privately owned forest and consist of mixed hardwood and coniferous forest communities; forest streams; and Mud Lake, a glacially formed sphagnum bog surrounded by a small black spruce and tamarack forest. The upper tract is used primarily for research and low-impact recreation. The 100-acre lower tract is partially forested and contains a 12-acre kettlehole lake, alder swamp, marsh, and field ecosystems. There are a total of seven nature trails and a sculpture art trail on the property as well as an educational challenge ropes course.

Up to 25 Hartwick students from a variety of majors can experience a unique opportunity for a residential alternative to dorm life at Pine Lake.

The Robertson Lodge, overlooking the lake, contains small gallery and a welcome center, office, lounge, dining room, and kitchen. Up to 10 students live in rooms upstairs in the Lodge during the school year.

Nine cabins, in the woods near the lake, each house two to four occupants. The cabins are heated with energy-efficient pellet stoves and contain kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms, and living rooms.

The Robert R. Smith Environmental Field Station is used as a center for undergraduate education, student/faculty research, and community-based programs for the study of ecology and environmental science. The field station contains two teaching-research laboratories; a chemical lab; storage rooms; library; and is equipped with standard laboratory equipment.