

Feeling Scholarly in Oxford, Ohio

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Just beyond the rolling farm hills of southwest Ohio lies a diamond in the rough.



Oxford, Ohio is a storybook college town, and although not gothic like its British counterpart, it still appears to have been transplanted from a classic film and staged here in real life.

I took the time to drive over the river and through the woods, past Cincinnati, to the hometown of [Miami University](#), one of the nation's emerging academic frontrunners. The town of Oxford and the university are so intertwined that it's difficult to distinguish one from the other.

My sister Jill was sick, so I invited my boyfriend Joe along as my guide since he is a proud graduate of Miami and holds a special affinity to the town where he created so many cherished memories. Our first stop along the way was the [Miami University Art Museum](#). Although it was closed for winter break, I admired the eye-catching steel sculpture perched on the front

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lawn by artist Mark di Suvero called "For Kepler", a reference to the 17th Century Astronomer. The gallery opens again on January 10th, featuring the "*Women in Art Part II*" exhibit.

We continued walking through the picturesque campus and made some stops along Western Avenue to view the haunted Peabody Hall, a stone arched bridge and a quaint reflecting pool near the base of the Art Museum.



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