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Student Handbook available online only

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As a convenience to students and a cost-saving practice, Oakland University is offering its **Student Handbook** exclusively online starting this fall with the 2003-2004 edition. The handbook is available on the **Office of the Dean of Students** Web site.

The handbook, which is produced annually by the **Division of Student Affairs**, gives a comprehensive overview of the various university regulations, policies and procedures that directly pertain to OU students. Information on offices such as the Academic Skills Center, Center for Student Activities, Financial Aid Office, Graham Health Center, academic advising offices and other student services also are available. You also can find other information such as student organization regulations, the university judicial process and emergency phone numbers.

"With the development of technology, we've found that more of our students expect to find information about the university online," said Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh. "To be consistent with that development and cater to our students needs, we wanted to create an online version of the student handbook. Offering the handbook online also represents savings in printing costs for the university."

Other university publications such as freshmen orientation materials and employee training materials from various departments also may soon be placed online. The movement toward placing documents exclusively online began with the development of the university's e-mail policy. Starting this fall, OU will begin sending official university business, such as tuition and fees bills, financial aid, schedule of classes, and information on grades and graduation, to students through their free OU e-mail accounts.

"Having this e-mail policy for students creates the expectation that university materials will be placed online," McIntosh said. "I think the Web will become a tool of convenience for students."

For more information on the **Student Handbook**, visit the **Office of the Dean of Students** Web site or contact them at (248) 370-3352.

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