This two-and-one-half-story, ashlar building with red mortar, has elements of Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque Styles. The first story walls are constructed of irregularly cut stone blocks, that are laid in a pattern on the second story. The irregular cross-gable roof has multiple shed dormers on the north and south sides of the building. A wide eyebrow window faces front, between two asymmetrical masses: a tower and a gable roof section. A three-story dormer tower on the north side of the front façade has an eight-sided roof, with slight bell curves and a large finial. The steps leading to the front double doors are behind the slightly off-center pair of identical arches along the front façade. To the south of the entrance is a three-story gable end, with one-over-one, double-hung windows.

This building is located on South Professor Street, one building south of the intersection with College Street. It is part of the college campus and in an area with heavy pedestrian traffic.
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and one arched window on the first story. A squared bay with windows protrudes from the first-story corner on the building’s south side. The front gable end has raised carvings of flowering vines around the year ‘1885.’ More of these carvings are along the cornice line of the tower. The rear of the building has a two-story, gable roof, wood frame addition, with wood shingles and slightly belled walls. A handicap access ramp, constructed in the last 15 years, provides access to the rear entrance. Other alterations can be found in the interior living spaces and the replacement asphalt shingles on the roof. This building has a small dining hall.

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)

This building is significant for its architect, its architecture, and for its long service as student housing. Baldwin Cottage was listed on the National Register in 1978 as part of the Oberlin College thematic nomination in 1978. It was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in 1975.