ADMISSION TO OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Oregon State University welcomes all students without regard to race, creed, sex, marital status, sexual preference, age, religion, handicap, or national origin who provide evidence of suitable preparation for course work at the university level.

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Admission Requirements for First-Year Students

When to Apply
See application deadlines are available online (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/undergraduate-admission-deadlines/).

The application and fee must be submitted electronically by the respective deadline.

The Admission Process
Apply online (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/apply-choose-application/). Applicants are required to use a valid Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card to pay the $65 nonrefundable application fee. Request that your high school send your official high school transcript to OSU, and have your official SAT or ACT test scores sent to OSU.

Policy Regarding Students' Eligibility to Return to Prior College

Applicants who disclose that they are ineligible to re-enroll at any college or university that they attended within the last seven years for student conduct reasons will be automatically declined admission to OSU. Applicants who disclose that the reason for their ineligibility is for academic reasons may be admitted if they meet OSU's minimum academic requirements.

Applicants who are denied admission have the right to appeal that decision, and appeals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Selection of First-Year Students

OSU's admission requirements promote student success by assessing preparedness and academic potential in the unique context of each student's personal experience. Admission assessment will consider all achievement, both academic and nonacademic, to enroll students with a broad range of characteristics and perspectives. These include, but are not limited to academic achievement, creativity, initiative, motivation, leadership, persistence, service to others, intellectual curiosity, exceptional personal or academic recognition, unusual talent or ability, substantial experience with other cultures, and ability to overcome significant challenges.

The admissions process provides a fair and comprehensive review of all applicants for determining potential success at OSU. It is crucial that applicants carefully complete the application process by providing thorough information. Estimating the likelihood of admission is very difficult without considering the complete application file.

Regular Admission

Initial admission selections are based on a holistic assessment of the criteria listed below.

Strength of Curriculum:
• Quality, quantity, and level of course work throughout the entire high school program, especially course work completed beyond the
A recommended unweighted high school grade-point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale as calculated by the Office of Admissions)

Class rank taken in context with academic rigor and size of high school attended

Performance on standardized tests: SAT or ACT. (optional)

Alternatives to Subject Requirements

Students unable to fulfill the subject requirements will be eligible for consideration by:

1. Taking SAT II Subject Tests
   Or
2. Successfully completing course work (high school or college transfer) for specific subject deficiencies.

Alternatives should be completed by high school graduation.

Test Requirements

Freshman applicants may choose to submit Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT-Reasoning) or American College Test (ACT) scores. Test scores may be used to determine course placement and considered for applicants not meeting the minimum high school GPA requirement.

The SAT college code for Oregon State University is 4586. The ACT college code for Oregon State University is 3482.

High School Graduation

Public high school students must graduate from standard high schools.\(^1\) Private high school students must graduate from regionally or state accredited high schools.\(^2\)

\(^1\) Standard high schools are public high schools that are certified as meeting specified levels of resources, services, and quality established by the Oregon Department of Education.

\(^2\) Accredited high schools are those that are reviewed and recognized by a regional entity, such as the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, as meeting an appropriate level of academic rigor and support.

Graduates of Nonstandard or Unaccredited High Schools or Home-Schooled Students

Graduates of non-standard or unaccredited high schools, or homeschooled students will be considered for admission based on a holistic assessment. Students are recommended to provide:

SAT and/or ACT

Note: Only scores sent electronically from College Board (SAT) and/or ACT will be considered official and used for admission purposes. There is not an advantage to pay extra for 'rush' scores from the testing agency, and in some cases may add to the time it will take to process the scores within our office.
Advanced Placement (AP) Credit
Oregon State University awards ungraded credit for achievement on certain College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Information pertaining to specific AP credit policies is available in high school counseling centers or may be obtained from the OSU Office of Admissions website (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/?q=credit-opportunities). OSU’s college code is 4586 for those wishing to have their scores sent.

International Baccalaureate Credit
Oregon State recognizes IB achievement by awarding credit to students who score 5 or above on standard and higher level IB exams. OSU also grants additional benefits for students who complete the full IB diploma with a score of 30 or higher, as follows:

- Sophomore Standing, and IB Scholarships are available. Students with a total score on IB exams of 30 or higher may choose to accept the annual, renewable scholarship award of at least $3,000 OR may compete for more substantial awards.
- Students must send their official test scores to OSU. The official International Baccalaureate Certificate is required in order to award credit.
- Contact your IB coordinator or IB North America to request score reports.

IBO North America
212-696-4464
http://www.ibo.org/

Transfer Admission
When to Apply
Apply online (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/apply-choose-application/). Applicants are required to use a valid Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card to pay the $65 nonrefundable application fee. Official transcripts must be sent to OSU from each college or university attended.

Please refer to the OSU Office of Admissions website (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/undergraduate-admission-deadlines/) for application deadlines.

Minimum Requirements for Admission Consideration
U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents:
1. Successful completion of no less than 24 quarter (16 semester) graded, transferable credits from (a) regionally accredited U.S. institution(s). Students with fewer than 24 graded transferable quarter hours will be considered on the basis of their high school records and test scores, and must have a 2.25 GPA on all collegiate work attempted.
2. Only college-level, transferable credits are counted in those accepted in the GPA computation (professional-technical course grades are not included).
3. Students with 24 quarter (16 semester) graded, transferable credits from (a) regionally accredited U.S. institution(s) and a transfer GPA of 2.25 or above will be considered for admission if they have earned a C- or better in the following courses:
   - College-level writing equivalent to WR 121
   - Mathematics equivalent to MTH 111 or MTH 105
• Two terms of the same foreign language in college will be required of those high school graduates of the class of 1997 and beyond who did not successfully complete two units (years) of foreign language while in high school. Additional information on how to meet foreign language deficiencies can be found online (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/sites/admissions.oregonstate.edu/files/dfl-ways_to_meet.pdf).

4. Students with 24 quarter (16 semester) graded, transferable credits from (a) regionally accredited U.S. institution(s) and a transfer GPA of 2.50 or above will be considered for admission if they have earned a C- or better in the following courses:
   a. College-level writing equivalent to WR 121
   b. Two terms of the same foreign language in college will be required of those high school graduates of the class of 1997 and beyond who did not successfully complete two units (years) of foreign language while in high school. Additional information on how to meet foreign language deficiencies can be found online (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/sites/admissions.oregonstate.edu/files/dfl-ways_to_meet.pdf).

5. Applicants who are ineligible to re-enroll at any college or university that they attended within the last seven years for student conduct reasons will be automatically declined admission at OSU. Applicants who disclose that the reason for their ineligibility is for academic reasons may be admitted - if they meet OSU's minimum academic requirements.

6. Applicants who are denied admission may be eligible to appeal that decision, and appeals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Consult with the Office of Admissions for more information on the appeal process.

Please note that meeting the minimum admissions requirements and/or an individual’s academic performance does not guarantee them admission to the university. Furthermore, the university may evaluate a person’s behavior and background to determine their ability to maintain the standards of academic and professional conduct expected at OSU.

Consideration will be given to applicants with a 2.00 GPA and an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree from an Oregon community college, but admission is not guaranteed.

**Evaluation and Transferability of Credit**

Only official records are used to evaluate eligibility for admission and transferability of credit.

Official transcripts of all college work attempted must be submitted directly from the Registrar's Office of each institution.

Oregon State University accepts college level credit from regionally accredited institutions toward a baccalaureate degree. While all acceptable transfer credits will be transcripted at OSU, no more than 135 quarter credits of non-OSU course work can be applied to an OSU baccalaureate degree. Therefore, students who transfer the full 135 credits from other institutions may ultimately graduate with more than the minimum credits for the baccalaureate degree. One semester credit equals 1.5 quarter credits at OSU.

For information on OSU's acceptance of professional-technical courses, please see Academic Regulation 2 (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/regulations/).

**CLEP**

Applicants who want credit for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests should have official test scores sent to Admissions using college code 4586. Additional details are available in the OSU Credit Opportunities brochure and on the OSU Admissions website (https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/credit-opportunities/).

**Nondegree Status**

Nondegree enrollment status is designed for students who want to take courses but do not want to pursue a degree. In some instances, nondegree students may not meet regular admission requirements.

Nondegree students are part-time students who are expected to enroll in no more than 8 credits a term. Students who want to enroll for more than 8 credits a term must apply for regular admission.

Nondegree enrollment status requires no formal admission process and has no requirements for entrance. Nondegree applications should be submitted electronically. Approval is granted for a specific term. Students who are unable to attend the specific term and want to enroll later should contact the Office of Admissions (undergraduate nondegree) or the Graduate School (graduate nondegree).

Nondegree students are given grades and academic records, and are reviewed according to university standards of good academic progress.

Nondegree students who wish to seek full admission and pursue a degree must do so by submitting an undergraduate, postbaccalaureate or graduate application for admission. In all cases, an admission application fee is required. Successful enrollment as a nondegree student does not guarantee regular admission. Credits earned while enrolled under nondegree undergraduate status will be applied to a student’s record.

Nondegree graduate students who decide to seek admission to a specific degree program during the course of their studies should note that any credits taken as a nondegree student may or may not be applicable for that degree, depending upon a variety of factors, their chosen program, and the policies of the Graduate School. Graduate students are further advised that academic residency must be completed after full admission as a degree-seeking graduate student, regardless of the number of credits previously earned while in nondegree status. Please refer to Reclassification of Postbaccalaureate Students, Nondegree-Seeking Students, and Graduate Certificate Students (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/admission/grad-school-admission/).

Nondegree students follow the registration procedures and policies as outlined on the Office of the Registrar website (https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/registration/). The Schedule of Classes (https://classes.oregonstate.edu/) is available online. Registering students are expected to obtain a student identification card through the ID Center.

Tuition and fees for nondegree students enrolled in fewer than 9 credits are assessed at resident rates based on undergraduate- or graduate-course level. Payment of the health service fee is optional. Enrollment in excess of 8 credits requires that tuition and fees be assessed at the same rates as regular students and requires full admission as a regular student.

Registration holds in place prior to applying for nondegree status must be satisfied before registration as nondegree student will be allowed.
Academic Regulation 1. Admission for Nondegree Students

1. Nondegree enrollment status for undergraduate students is designed for students who wish to take 8 or fewer credits per term, but do not wish to pursue a degree or a specific postbaccalaureate credential.

2. Nondegree enrollment status for graduate students is designed for students who wish to take graduate courses, but do not wish to pursue an advanced degree. Nondegree graduate students are not limited as to the number of courses (credits) per term.

3. Credits earned as a nondegree undergraduate student may be used to satisfy degree requirements upon admission as a degree-seeking student.

4. Credits earned while enrolled as a nondegree graduate student will not necessarily apply to a graduate program upon admission to degree-seeking status. Communication with the Graduate School and specific academic programs is advised.

5. Nondegree students seeking admission to a degree program must do so by submitting an undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate application for admission.

Select a Major

Undergraduates and postbaccalaureate applicants are asked to select a college and a major within that college. The University Exploratory Studies Program is a choice available to undergraduates who are undecided about a major. Students may change their major in consultation with an academic advisor.

Admission of Postbaccalaureate Students

Admission for postbaccalaureate applicants is determined by the department, not by the Office of Admissions.

If you are interested in pursuing postbaccalaureate course work, please consult the major department before applying for admission.

Degree Seeking Postbaccalaureate

Students who would like to earn a subsequent undergraduate degree from OSU or complete prerequisites for a graduate program at OSU may apply for degree seeking postbaccalaureate admission through the Office of Admissions. Applicants for consideration must submit an admission application along with official transcripts of all college work by the application deadline. Generally, applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

• Have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution

• 2.25 accumulated GPA requirements. The GPA is computed on the first baccalaureate degree plus any subsequent credit earned.

• Complete College Algebra and English Composition with a C– or better

• Submit Statement of Objectives of 150 to 200 words with their application

• Academic departments may impose additional requirements

• Nonrefundable $65 application fee

You cannot earn a postbaccalaureate degree in the same field in which you earned your original degree.

Applicants wishing to be considered for admission to multiple programs must submit a new application and fee for each program.

Additional Credentials

Students who want to earn a subsequent major credential, minor, option, or certificate from OSU may apply for credential enrollment status using the Postbaccalaureate Admission Application. Students must complete the current requirements for a minor or certificate and receive the dean’s approval. Students must also achieve a minimum GPA of 2.00 and complete a minimum of 15 credits in residence at OSU. A nonrefundable $65 admission application fee is charged. Students with credential enrollment status will be categorized as non-degree credentials at OSU and not eligible to receive federal financial aid.

Credential Classifications

• Minor Credential: Additional minor earned after undergraduate work is completed. Baccalaureate work can be completed at OSU or another institution. Students that previously completed a baccalaureate degree from Oregon State or another college cannot enter the same degree program as the degree program they graduated as an undergraduate.

• Major Credential: Additional major earned after undergraduate work is completed at OSU. Major credential must be completed within the same degree program.

• Option Credential: Additional option earned after undergraduate work is completed at OSU. Option credential must be completed within the same degree and major program.

• Certificate: A structured progression of courses that constitute a coherent body of study with a defined focus within a single discipline or a logical combination of disciplines. Undergraduate certificates can be earned by students without any prior degree (professionals in a field), or as a credential seeking, graduate student or as an undergraduate student in conjunction with an undergraduate degree. The certificate requirements and pre-requisites are defined at the college level.

International Applicants

International applicants should also refer to the admissions procedures (http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/international/) for undergraduate/graduate international students for deadlines, test score requirements, and additional information.

Admission with Graduate Standing

To be considered for admission to the Graduate School, an applicant must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, as well as a scholastic record, background, or other evidence that indicates the ability to do satisfactory graduate work. See Graduate Admission Procedures (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/admission/grad-school-admission/) in this Catalog.
Admission of International Students (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/admission/international-admissions/)

Admission to Summer Session
Students who wish to begin work on a degree during summer session at OSU must satisfy regular admission requirements and apply by the specified deadlines.

Admission to Professional Programs
Professional programs are accredited according to requirements set by professional societies. These programs often have more rigorous requirements for admission, continuation in the program, and acceptance of transfer credit. Therefore, admission to OSU is separate from admission to a professional program and does not guarantee such admission.

OSU-Cascades
OSU-Cascades provides students personalized instruction and OSU's excellence in both academics and innovative research, as well as the lifelong advantages of a premier research university. OSU-Cascades is the only baccalaureate and graduate degree granting institution based in Central Oregon. OSU-Cascades expanded to a four-year university when it welcomed its first freshman class in fall 2015.

Born out of a 30-year grassroots effort put forth by Central Oregonians to bring a university to the region the university opened its doors in September 2001 on the COCC campus, offering upper-division and graduate coursework toward bachelor's and master's degrees.

After record enrollment growth and demonstrated financial support from the surrounding community, in August 2012 the Oregon University System endorsed OSU-Cascades' expansion to a four-year university. In July 2013, the Oregon State Legislature approved capital funding that enabled the branch campus to establish its own campus. The branch campus completed the first phase of campus development in 2016.

OSU-Cascades features outstanding faculty in degree programs that reflect Central Oregon's vibrant economy, abundant natural resources and commitment to sustainability. Eighteen undergraduate majors, 30 minors and options, and three graduate programs include fields such as computer science, energy systems engineering, kinesiology, hospitality management, and tourism and outdoor leadership. Experiential learning options include faculty research, internships and study abroad programs in 80 countries.

OSU-Cascades provides students excellence in academics, practical and experiential learning opportunities, and the lifelong advantages of a premier research university—all on a growing campus community of 1,300 students and faculty.

Degree Partnership Programs – Dual Admission and Enrollment at Designated Community Colleges (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/admission/dpp/)

Credit for Military Experience
Students are recommended to seek advice from their Academic Advisor prior to transferring in their Military Credits. Oregon State University grants up to 45 credits for military education as recommended by the American Council on Education's (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services (https://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx). This is in accordance with transfer credit policies at Oregon State University. Students may request evaluation of military credit by furnishing the Office of Admissions with a Joint Services Transcript, Navy SMART transcript, or U.S. Coast Guard transcript. Transcripts may be obtained through these homepages:

- JST (https://jst.doded.mil/official.html) **Note:** Some browser security settings may raise a caution message before entering these Department of Defense websites.
- Additional informational links to other service pages can be found on the ACE website (http://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/topics/Pages/College-Credit-for-Military-Service.aspx)

Oregon State University will grant 1.00 quarter credit for the course HHS 241 Lifetime Fitness Lab. For HHS 241 credit to be granted, please submit either the DD214 or an official ACE transcript. Credit will also be granted if one of the following military science courses has been completed successfully: Physical Fitness, Physical Education, or Physical Conditioning. To receive credit, please submit an official transcript from the institution.

Oregon State University will assess and award block transfer credit upon review of your military record. An evaluation report showing block transfer credits will be sent to you. For a better understanding of how each college uses the 45-credit block of general elective credits there is a web page on the OSU Veterans website (http://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/veterans/) (click on Current Students, then click on Military Credit) outlining this information. In addition, if you believe a specific military course, training, experience, etc. directly relates to a university course, you can complete a form to petition for Military Credit Course Substitution (http://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/veterans/) (click on Current Students on the right side, then click on Military Credit on the right side of the page).

Any student receiving GI Bill® education benefits while attending Oregon State University is **required** to obtain transcripts from all previously attended schools and submit them to the school for review of prior credit.

**Footnote:** GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website (https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/).
**Placement Examinations**

*High school seniors* planning to enter OSU must take the SAT or the ACT. These tests provide academic advisors with valuable information about a student’s educational development, abilities, and aptitudes.

New students are required to take an online Math Placement Test (http://www.math.oregonstate.edu/mlc-placement-home/). Students who enter the university with previous language training from another institution and who wish to continue their study of the language are required to take a language proficiency examination to determine placement level. Please call the OSU School of Language, Culture, and Society at 541-737-4603. Other placement examinations may be required in certain majors.

**Registration Procedures**

Once admitted to Oregon State University, students are eligible for course registration. Complete registration instructions, procedures, schedules and deadlines are detailed in the Schedule of Classes (https://classes.oregonstate.edu/). A student is officially registered and eligible to attend classes only when all procedures have been completed. Students who make arrangements to pay outstanding university debts and who do not adhere to the agreed upon plan may be dis-enrolled.

In addition to the basic information regarding registration, the Office of the Registrar website (https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/registration/) is an essential resource to the student for the academic calendar, fee schedule, academic and other student regulations and procedures, final examination schedule, and listing of baccalaureate core courses.

**Re-Enrollment**

Undergraduate students who wish to re-enroll in the university after an absence may do so providing they were eligible to re-enroll their last term of attendance. Students who have been absent *four or more terms*, not including summer terms, should contact the Office of the Registrar to reactivate their records, at which time the current catalog becomes their catalog of record for graduation requirements. The university reserves the right to consider a student’s status with respect to voluntary or involuntary leave, as well as any existing student conduct issues when requesting to re-enroll. Students who have been absent less than four terms are still considered active and register following the registration instructions on the Office of the Registrar website (https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/registration/). International students who wish to re-enroll after an absence should check in with the Office of International Services (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/international-programs/) (OIS) to make sure they have the required documents to return.

Re-enrolling students who have attended another college or university since their last term at OSU are *required* to report that enrollment at the time of re-entry. Official transcripts must be forwarded to the Office of Admissions. Returning students with an OSU cumulative GPA below or very near 2.00 are reminded of the OSU graduation requirement (Academic Regulation 25e (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/regulations/)), which stipulates 2.00 as the minimum OSU cumulative grade-point average required to earn a baccalaureate degree from OSU.

All re-enrolling students are reminded of their responsibility to update any outdated information, such as address, in their OSU records. Contact the Office of the Registrar to make changes.