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Ecamps – Top-ranked degrees online

As a leader in online education, Oregon State University Ecamps works with OSU faculty to provide access to exceptional learning experiences that transform the lives of students in Oregon and around the world. Thousands of online and distance students enroll in Ecamps’ nationally ranked degree programs and courses each year, all of which are developed by Oregon State University Faculty. In the 2018-19 academic year, more than 25,000 OSU students took at least one Ecamps class online.

OSU Ecamps is widely regarded as one of America’s best providers of online education and has been ranked nationally by numerous publications (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/promotion/top-ranked.htm) in each of the last nine years. In January 2019, Oregon State’s online bachelor’s programs were ranked No. 3 in the nation (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/news/2019/oregon-state-online-education-top-10-rankings) by U.S. News & World Report. It marked the fifth straight year OSU Ecamps was ranked in the top 10. This recognition is based on student engagement; faculty credentials and training; services and technology; and expert opinion.

Students interested in pursuing an Oregon State degree online can choose from more than 60 programs (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees), including bachelor’s degrees in business administration; fisheries and wildlife sciences; Spanish; computer science (postbaccalaureate); agricultural sciences; and various liberal arts disciplines. Oregon State’s online and hybrid graduate-level offerings feature four MBA tracks that include organizational leadership and innovation management; master’s programs in engineering management and data analytics; a Master of Natural Resources; and a variety of education programs. Find a complete list of degree and certificate programs here (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu). Ecamps delivers more than 1,200 courses online throughout the year. A complete list of classes is available online (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/soc).

Ecamps is also helping expand Oregon State’s presence in the Portland region. Not only do students have access to OSU-signature programs and courses online through Ecamps, but now they can also study in a dynamic, hybrid (online/in-person) learning environment that includes face-to-face interaction with OSU faculty and students as well as on-site support services at the OSU Portland Center at Pioneer Square (https://portland.oregonstate.edu).

Oregon State’s distance learners include full- and part-time students, working and retired professionals, community college students, active-duty and retired military, high school students and individuals who want to further their education with a single college course. Ecamps students and graduates hail from all 50 states and more than 50 countries worldwide.

All curricula for Ecamps courses and degree programs are designed by Oregon State faculty and are held to the same rigorous academic standards as the university’s on-campus classes. OSU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and all Ecamps students who complete degree requirements receive the same diploma and transcript as campus-based students.

Ecamps works closely with more than 800 OSU faculty members and department heads in order to provide students with enriching educational opportunities. Our current online offerings include courses in more than 100 subjects, from anthropology and chemistry to economics and public health. Oregon State partners with 20 community colleges throughout the state and in Hawaii as a way to help students progress toward a four-year degree. The Degree Partnership Program allows students to take community college and OSU classes concurrently in order to meet the course-load requirement for financial aid and to access other OSU services, including advising. Learn more about taking Ecamps online classes with the Degree Partnership Program (http://partnerships.oregonstate.edu).

Services for Students

Oregon State Ecamps offers a variety of support services (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/students) that meet students’ needs and help them along the path to graduation. Once enrolled online, Ecamps students have access to student services specialists; a team of success coaches, who work one-on-one with learners to identify strategies to support them in achieving their goals; a dedicated Ecamps librarian and 24/7 library support; free online tutoring and remote exam proctoring (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/services/proctoring); OSU’s Disability Access Services; career counseling; and live, around-the-clock technical support on OSU’s learning management system, Canvas.

Ecamps works to create a sense of community for its students by sharing news about OSU faculty and students online (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/news) and in a quarterly newsletter (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/news/newsletters). Ecamps also has a strong following on Facebook (http://facebook.com/osuecampus), Instagram (http://instagram.com/osuecampus), Twitter (http://twitter.com/osuecampus) and Linkedin (http://linkedin.com/company/oregon-state-ecampus) where students can engage with fellow classmates, OSU Beavers fans and ask questions of the Ecamps staff.

Ecamps also provides assistance by email, phone or in person to prospective and current students who are interested in taking Oregon State courses online and at a distance.

Services for Faculty

The Ecamps staff provides an array of services for faculty, including course development training workshops, facility coordination and liaison activities with partnering community colleges and universities. Find a complete list of training sessions and workshops online (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/faculty/training).

The Ecampus Faculty Forum is an annual showcase of excellence in online teaching that features interactive, wide-ranging discussions on how Oregon State applies its academic prestige to online education. Held each spring on campus, the event gives faculty the opportunity to hear colleagues discuss innovative teaching methods, best practices and relate their experiences in online course development. More than 250 OSU faculty, administrators and staff attend the event annually. Ecamps operates a program called QM Online Course Design, which seeks to improve student success in online courses by focusing on continuously improving course design. Using the independent and research-based Quality Matters peer review process, the faculty-driven...
QM program examines course design, not the content itself or the teaching.

Having an online course peer reviewed is an ideal way for OSU faculty to receive fresh ideas from colleagues who can offer positive feedback to create more active learning. The Ecampus Course Development and Training team conducts training sessions [link](http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/faculty/qm) year-round, and stipends are awarded when one reviews a peer’s course.

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The OSU Ecampus Research Unit (ECRU) makes research actionable through the creation of evidence-based resources related to effective online teaching, learning and program administration toward the fulfillment of the goals of Oregon State's mission.

Specifically, the ECRU conducts original research and provides resources to encourage faculty research and external grant applications related to online teaching and learning.

Established in 2015, the ECRU regularly publishes the results of national and local studies, and it produces a weekly podcast, “Research in Action” [link](https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast), to address topics and issues facing researchers nationwide.

In late 2017, the ECRU created the Online Learning Efficacy Research Database [link](https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/projects/online-learning-efficacy-research), a new repository of academic studies that allows users to explore whether the learning outcomes of online education are equivalent to face-to-face environments. As of April 2019, the Online Learning Efficacy Research Database has 240 citations across 74 discrete disciplines from 173 academic journals. The database is updated each month with additions of new studies that fit the database parameters.

The Research Unit houses a competitive award program to fund Oregon State faculty in their online learning research endeavors. Learn more about the Ecampus Research Fellows (ECRF) program [link](https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/fellows), its goals, timeline and the materials you'll need to apply online [link](http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/fellows).

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To make college more affordable and accessible for students, Ecampus Open Educational Resources works with university faculty to create no-cost and low-cost course materials to be used in classes on-campus and online with OSU Ecampus.

Ecampus Open Educational Resources aims to take advantage of OSU's national reputation in the field of online learning to establish a competitive open educational resources (OER) program that focuses on reusable digital components. In partnership with OSU Libraries and Press, Ecampus Open Educational Resources partners with faculty to adopt, adapt and author open textbooks that are freely available online to students and faculty at Oregon State and worldwide.

Learn how you and your department can partner with Ecampus Open Educational Resources here [link](http://open.oregonstate.edu/opportunities).