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Ecampus — Top-ranked degrees online

As a leader in online education, Oregon State University Ecampus 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 Ecampus online courses each year, all of which are developed by Oregon State University faculty. In the 2019-20 academic year, more than 26,000 OSU students took at least one Ecampus class online.

OSU Ecampus is widely regarded as one of America’s best providers of online education. In January 2020, Oregon State’s online bachelor’s programs were ranked No. 5 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/news/2020/top-online-degree-programs/). It marked the sixth straight year OSU Ecampus was ranked in the top 10. This recognition is based on student engagement; faculty credentials and training; services and technology; and expert opinion.

our programs and courses

Students interested in pursuing an Oregon State degree online can choose from more than 70 programs (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/), including bachelor’s degrees in business administration; computer science; fisheries and wildlife sciences; Spanish; agricultural sciences; and various liberal arts disciplines.

Oregon State’s online and hybrid graduate-level offerings feature MBA tracks, a Master of Science in Business and various business graduate certificates; master’s programs in engineering management and data analytics; a Master of Natural Resources; and a variety of education programs.

Browse the complete collection of online and hybrid offerings:

- Undergraduate degrees (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/topics/?type=undergraduate-degrees)
- Graduate degrees (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/topics/?type=graduate-degrees)
- Undergraduate certificates and minors (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/topics/?type=undergraduate-certificates)
- Graduate certificates (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/topics/?type=graduate-certificates)
- Undergraduate course sequences (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/topics/?type=course-sequences)
- 1,300+ courses (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/soc/)

Serving the Portland region

Ecampus is helping to expand Oregon State’s presence in the Portland region. Not only do students have access to OSU-signature programs and courses online through Ecampus, but now they can also study in a dynamic, hybrid (online/in-person) learning environment. This hybrid experience 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/).

The students we serve

Oregon State Ecampus serves students in all 50 states and more than 50 countries worldwide. OSU’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.

How we support students

Oregon State Ecampus 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, Ecampus students have access to student services specialists; a team of success coaches; a dedicated Ecampus librarian and 24/7 library support; remote exam proctoring; OSU’s Disability Access Services; and live, around-the-clock technical support on OSU’s learning management system, Canvas.

Success coaching is an academic counseling service for undergraduate Ecampus students, and it employs an individualized, strengths-based and holistic approach. Success coaches work in partnership with students to improve academic skills, to identify support resources, and to address obstacles to academic success at OSU.

Ecampus works to create a sense of community for students in a variety of ways no matter where they live. This is done primarily through the Ecampus Learning Community and other organizations (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/services/student-services/organizations.htm) that students can join from a distance.

The Ecampus enrollment services team provides a personal connection to OSU Ecampus for prospective applicants. The enrollment services specialists answer questions about OSU Ecampus online degree programs, courses, the application process and how to get started.

A commitment to excellence

All curricula for Ecampus 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 Ecampus students who complete degree requirements receive the same diploma and transcript as campus-based students.

Services for faculty

Ecampus works closely with nearly 1,000 Oregon State faculty members, program leaders and department heads in order to provide students with transformative educational opportunities. The Ecampus staff offers an array of services, including a faculty development and training program (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/faculty/development/) that is comprehensive, responsive, and flexible.

Ecampus requires ongoing training for faculty developing and teaching online courses. Faculty are expected to participate in training as part of the course development and redevelopment process, and to participate in ongoing training annually.

The Ecampus Faculty Forum is held each spring and allows faculty, administrators and staff to engage in discussions about online teaching excellence, research in online education, faculty experiences
in online course development and more. More than 300 OSU faculty, administrators and staff attend the event annually.

Ecampus also participates in the Quality Matters program (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/faculty/qm/), which seeks to improve student success in online courses by focusing on continuously improving course design. Using an independent and research-based peer review process, the faculty-driven QM program examines course design, not the content itself or the teaching.

In 2019, QM honored Oregon State (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/news/2019/osu-ecampus-honored-online-student-support/) with its Online Learner Support Certification. The certification applies to all programs delivered online by Ecampus, and it recognizes programs that provide “all the critical student and academic services needed for learner success and use learner feedback to continuously improve those services.

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The OSU Ecampus Research Unit (ECRU) responds to and forecasts the needs and challenges of the online education field through conducting original research; fostering strategic collaborations; and creating evidence-based resources and tools that contribute to effective online teaching, learning and program administration.

As a research unit dedicated to responding to and forecasting the needs and challenges of the field of online teaching and learning, the ECRU focus on the following areas:

- Exploring the efficacy of modalities, technologies and pedagogical methods  
- Promoting research literacy and evidence-based decision-making  
- Building communities to support and encourage research networks

The ECRU prioritizes actionable research and projects that cross more than one of these areas.

Established in 2015, the ECRU regularly publishes the results of national and local studies. Its podcast, “Research in Action (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/),” features nearly 200 episodes that address topics and issues facing researchers nationwide.

The Ecampus Research Unit created and maintains the Online Learning Efficacy Research Database (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/projects/online-learning-efficacy-research/), a 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 2020, the Online Learning Efficacy Research Database has 259 citations across 75 discrete disciplines from 186 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 (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/fellows/), its goals, timeline and the materials you’ll need to apply online (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/fellows/).

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

The OERU aims to take advantage of Oregon State’s national reputation in the field of online learning to establish a competitive open educational resources (OER) program that focuses on reusable digital components.

The OERU staff partners with faculty to adopt, adapt and author open textbooks or other resources that are freely available online to students and faculty at Oregon State and worldwide.

OERU staff can assist faculty in locating OER, creating images, graphics and interactivities to incorporate into OER. Consultation on Creative Commons licensing is also available.

Learn how you and your department can partner with Ecampus OERU (http://open.oregonstate.edu/opportunities/).