International Student Orientation

Orientation involves a variety of important events that prepare students to be successful at OSU, including information about maintaining your visa status, registering for OSU classes, health requirements and insurance coverage. Attendance at International Student Orientation is required of all international students, both direct and INTO OSU.

Other important activities during orientation include: opening an OSU email account, getting an OSU ID card, learning about OSU community expectations and taking a tour of the campus. It’s also a great time to make new international and American friends and attend the many social events planned on campus.

Visa and Immigration Support

Upon arrival, the university’s Office of International Services (OIS) office, in conjunction with the INTO OSU Student Services team, will provide information, support and guidance on maintaining your immigration status while you are in the U.S. These can include questions about renewing a student visa, making sure your I-20 or DS-2019 status is always current, bringing your dependents, employment, traveling and more. During your program, in conjunction with the INTO OSU Academic Support and Finance teams, they will support you through your program and issue any documentation you may need to support your visa status. Students can come in for walk-in hours, or make individual appointments with an International Student Adviser or Sponsored Student Adviser at the Office of International Services (OIS). In addition, workshops are held throughout the year on topics such as employment, scholarships and travel.

OSU Office of International Admissions

The OSU Office of International Admissions is housed in the INTO OSU Center. The Office of International Admissions works closely with prospective international students from inquiry to admission for a variety of programs including: Academic English, Pathway Programs (Undergraduate and Graduate), Undergraduate, Post-Baccalaureate, Professional (MBA, PharmD, and DVM), and Non-degree Exchange Students. All other graduate programs (Master’s and PhD) are served by the Graduate School. Visit the Office of International Admissions online at http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/international.

Scholarships

Oregon State University and INTO Oregon State University are proud to offer a wide variety of scholarships for exceptional international students. Scholarships are available to undergraduate students, graduate students and Pathway students alike. For more information about these exciting scholarship opportunities, please visit http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/international/scholarships-international-students. Scholarships are available to undergraduate students, graduate students and Pathway and English language students.

Undergraduate Pathway and Transfer Programs

Undergraduate programs combine intensive language study, academic skills development and academic course work in a carefully constructed program designed to prepare students for rigorous OSU degree programs.

Four types of Undergraduate Pathway programs are available:

• Standard 3-term Pathway: leads students through their first year and upon completion of all progression requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program as second-year, freshman students.
• 2-term Accelerated Pathway: This program is composed of two terms of Pathway programming which count toward the student’s undergraduate degree.
• 1-term Accelerated Pathway: This program is composed of one term of Pathway programming which counts toward the student’s undergraduate degree.
• 4-term Comprehensive Pathway: Offers an intensive language curriculum for students to start their first year of study, allowing students to progress to their degree program after successfully completing progression requirements.

Undergraduate Transfer Program (UTP)
The Undergraduate Transfer Program offers customized programs for students who have earned university credits and wish to apply them towards their OSU degree. UTP students receive additional academic, language and cultural support to help be successful at OSU.

For more information please visit http://intoosu.oregonstate.edu.

Graduate Pathway Program
The innovative Graduate Pathway program is a pre-Master’s program that provides international students a direct path to various graduate degrees at the university. The program gives students the academic foundation, essential language skills and GMAT/GRE test preparation to successfully move on to the Master’s degree.

Direct admission to the Graduate School and respective department-based graduate programs at Oregon State University is highly competitive with only the best and most prepared students being selected. Many students who meet all the minimum entry requirements are not admitted because of the highly competitive nature of the programs.

The Graduate Pathway program is designed for international students who:
• Require additional preparation to be admitted directly to the Graduate School
• Fall short of meeting the minimum GPA or test score requirements
• Need further English development
• Need to improve study skills for success in their chosen field of study
• Any or all of the above

Graduate Pathway Programs are available in:
• Master of Business Administration (MBA)
• Chemical Engineering
• Chemistry
• Civil Engineering
• Comparative Health Sciences
• Computer Science
• Electrical and Computer Engineering
• Environmental Engineering
• Environmental Science
• Industrial Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering with Materials Science Emphasis
• Public Health

Three types of Graduate Pathway Programs are offered:
• Standard 3-term Pathway (available for any track offered)
• 2-term Accelerated Pathway (available for the MBA Pathway and Civil Engineering Pathway)
• 1-term Accelerated Pathway (available for all Engineering Pathway programs, except Civil Engineering)

Core Academic Courses
The academic courses included in the Graduate Pathway programs are carefully chosen to ensure success in graduate-level studies. Students will be advised on which modules to follow during their academic orientation at the INTO OSU Center.

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Academic English

Program Description

The Academic English program at INTO Oregon State University prepares international students for university study in the U.S. The academically rigorous program provides international students with high-quality English language instruction and the academic skills to succeed at OSU through development of:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing
- Standardized test preparation
- Academic study skills

Program Highlights

- Intensive English to prepare for university study
- Academic advising throughout the program
- Small classes of 18-20 students
- Highly-trained and experienced instructors
- Participation in the Conversant Program
- Use of a fully-equipped Learning Center with state-of-the-art technology

Program Outcomes

After finishing this intensive program successful students will be able to:

- Interact comfortably in the U.S. classroom with professors and fellow students
- Understand U.S. values in an academic setting
- Present their spoken and written ideas accurately and effectively in English
- Write research papers with proper use of citations and references
- Use the Internet and OSU library databases to conduct academic research
- Read, understand, and critically evaluate academic texts
- Understand and use vocabulary common to academic disciplines
- Take useful and accurate notes in academic lectures and presentations
- Develop and deliver oral presentations

Study Abroad with INTO OSU

Program Description

Study Abroad at INTO OSU is designed for students who want one or more terms of study abroad experience at a top US university. The program provides students with a classic American university experience while taking a variety of classes. Students will have access to all the support services available at the university and INTO OSU, including exceptional one-on-one tutoring, social and cultural trips and more.

The length of the Study Abroad program will vary depending on a student’s needs. The program can be customized for different levels of English and for specific academic interests. There are fall, winter, spring and summer start dates available. Additional program and admission information can be found at http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/international/programs/study-abroad-osu.

With prior approval from your home university, the academic courses you will study at OSU can be used to gain credits toward your undergraduate degree in your home country. This program is not designed as a route to degree-seeking OSU programs, though your credits may apply to an OSU degree if you seek admission.

This program consists of three parts:

Study Abroad with English (SAWE) Part 1

Students study full-time in the Academic English program. Students have an opportunity to progress to Study Abroad with English Part 2 upon successful completion of Academic English level 4 and meeting internal progression criteria.

Study Abroad with English (SAWE) Part 2

Students are able to select from OSU undergraduate credit-bearing courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and study alongside domestic and international students while continuing to take 6-12 hours of academic English classes. Students have an opportunity to progress to the Visiting International Students Program upon successful completion of Academic English core level 6 courses or ALS 161 INTO OSU ACADEMIC LISTENING AND SPEAKING 6/ALS 162 INTO OSU READING AND WRITING IN ACADEMIC CONTENT AREAS and meeting internal progression criteria.

Visiting International Students Program (VISP)

Students can select from a range of OSU credit-bearing courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts. Optional academic English courses are also available.

All OSU undergraduate College of Liberal Arts courses taken through the VISP and SAWE Part 2 program are transferrable with prior approval from the student’s home university (except intensive English courses, if selected).

Departmental approval is required for students seeking to register for a course outside the College of Liberal Arts.