



**Aryn Clark**  
University of Oregon

**Age:** 22

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Economics, double minor in computer information technology and business administration

**Goal:** To become an attorney, to work in the business world before pursuing law school

Aryn Clark described herself as very shy when she first came to the University of Oregon, but she has certainly thrived in a large institution. In fact, it was UO's tremendous variety of courses that first attracted her to the college, and her gut instinct was right. A senior now, she has taken full advantage of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities at UO, attending summer school every year in order to take courses that didn't fit into her regular course schedule during the year. She loves that "walking around campus, UO feels like a small school even though there are about 20,000 students." While she was a bit intimidated by lecture courses when she first started here, she thinks the challenge forced her to broaden her horizons. She has been very impressed with her professors' knowledge and teaching, and says "UO really works hard to pay attention to students." She attended high school in Seaside, Oregon, and decided early that she wanted to study economics, as she wants to be an attorney. After graduation, she hopes to work in business for a couple years before pursuing her ultimate career goal in law school. Aryn has been fortunate to receive family financial support for her college education, and says that her parents taught her to appreciate this privilege by seeing her college education as a job. She has maintained a rigorous, efficient, approach to her degree, taking approximately eighteen credits a term for the last three years while committing to a number of positions in student government. As a freshman, she completed an internship with the student government, and was encouraged by a friend in her sorority to run for student senate. Her leadership experience helped her to come out of her shell and conquer fears of public speaking: "Everyone that I've worked with in the EMU [Erb Memorial Student Union] and student government have inspired me to work harder and try my best with everything." She rose through the ranks as a student senate member and EMU Board member, and this year, serves as Chair of the EMU Board in addition to her senior-level coursework. She is gaining valuable real world experience coordinating policy recommendations, long term planning, and budgeting. Aryn loves Oregon, and although her family relocated to Chicago during her college years, she is very committed to staying in the Northwest as long as the job opportunities open up for her.